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## SHERIFF IS SENT AFTER VENIREMEN FROM UNION CITY

To Try Eight Reelfoot Night  
Riders Charged With  
Rankin Murder.

Scenes Around Court House  
Before Trial.

STORIES OF WILD CONDUCT

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 15.—When court convened this morning the sheriff was handed a list of 300 men to have present tomorrow morning from which to choose jurymen to try eight men charged with the murder of Capt. Quentin Rankin at Reelfoot lake. The defendants are: Ted Burton, Fred Plinon, Sam Applewhite, Garrett Johnson, Bert Morris, Arthur Cloar, Roy Ransom and Ish Hoffman.

R. Z. Taylor, who escaped when Rankin was killed, will be the first witness. The grand jury continues its investigation.

Scenes at the Trials.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Clad in rough homespun, with ragged trousers tucked deep into cowhide boots, innocent of polish, with straggling bears and huge slouch hats, but always with the inevitable long-barreled rifle or big pistol in plain view, the denizens of the Reelfoot district are assembled in this quaint little town for the opening scenes of the night rider trials.

They are friends and relatives of the men who are held under military guard over at the barracks. They ignore the townspersons, or glance at them with scowls. When they meet one another a silent nod or a whispering word is all that passes between them. Silently and singly they wander through the streets or stand for hours outside the barracks, gazing curiously up at the windows of the room above in which their friends are held incommunicando. Sometimes they approach the trim young sentries on guard below, taking careful inventory of the glistening bayonets and businesslike rifles.

Grown Up Children.

They feel keenly this trouble, do these rough but simple grown-up children of the Tennessee mountains. They believe they are being persecuted and that the entire world is against them. Old Tom Johnson, who, the state says, was the first leader of the band, but who was disposed because his immense stature and mutilated hand made him an easy victim of identification, expresses the belief of them all when he says:

"It's like this heah, stranger. God he put them red hills up theah. An he put some of us pooh folks that he didn't have no room for up theah, too. An' then he saw that we couldn't make a livin' farmin', so he ordered an earthquake, an' the earthquake left a big hole. Next he filled the hole with water and purfus in it. Then he knew we could make a livin' between farmin' and fishin'. But along come these rich men, who don't have to make no livin', an' they tell us all that we must not fish in the lake any more, 'cause they owns the lake an' the fish God put theah foosh us. It just naturally ain't right, stranger—it ain't no justice."

Went Too Far.

This is the night riders' view, and there are many who sympathize with them. But, like all movements of the kind, the primary object was forgotten and the organization began to be used to vent personal spites of members, and to attempt to regulate the most private and intimate affairs of everybody for a hundred miles around.

For instance, merchants whose total sales did not exceed \$2 a day were notified that they must sell goods at cost plus 10 per cent. Tenants of farms were ordered to pay no money rent but to insist on working the ground on shares. Growers of grain or tobacco were ordered to plant only so many acres of soil. Landlords were notified not to lease their property for cash rents.

A woman who had left her drunken husband was ordered to return to him, and when she refused she was taken to the woods, stripped, tied to a tree and flogged with a cat-o'-nine-tails until her back and shoulders were one big lacerated wound. Then one woman, fond of pretty clothing, was told to cease to wear it. And in every case, a refusal to comply instantly, was followed by a visit from the ferocious black masked crew, a swift silent hopeless struggle, a rapid ride to the depths of the lonesome forest and to an awful whipping on bare flesh.

For nearly two years these black-masked terrorists of the wilderness rode nightly. For nearly two years

## Attorney General Considering Criminal Proceedings Against Mr. Pulitzer of the New York World

### NOW BISHOP INSTALLED.

Rockford, Ill., Dec. 15.—Bishop Peter Muldoon was installed the first Catholic bishop of the Rockford diocese. A thousand prominent clergy and laity participated in the ceremony. Eight hundred accompanied him from Chicago. At the Chicago farewell a certified check for \$37,000 was given Bishop Muldoon.

### More Breathitt Trouble

Jackson, Ky., Dec. 15. (Special)—Warrants were issued for Ed Callahan and ten followers, charging them with shooting Hand Sebastian, who, Callahan claimed, attacked his house. Sebastian men say they were ambushed by Callahan.

### K. C. Returns

After a ride on a freight train the degree team of the Knights of Columbus returned this morning from Owensboro and Morganfield, where classes were initiated. The members of the team had an enjoyable time on the trip, but in order to reach Paducah this morning a ride on a freight train was necessary.

### To Suppress Bucket Shops.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The house today passed a bill designed to suppress "bucket shops" in the District of Columbia.

### Chicago Market.

May	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat . . .	1.05%	1.04%	1.05%
Corn . . .	62	61	61
Oats . . .	52 1/4	52	52 1/4
Prov. . .	16.12 1/4	16.02 1/4	16.07 1/4
Lard . . .	9.40	9.35	9.37 1/2
Hogs . . .	8.50	8.42 1/2	8.47 1/2

### King Edward's Health Failing.

London, Dec. 15.—It was learned on unquestionable authority that King Edward is seriously ill. Members of the royal family and attending physicians are greatly worried. It is known that the time is approaching when the truth must be told. Edward realizes his condition and is preparing to seek a cure in a southern resort.

## GOSPEL MISSION BAPTISTS MEET AT FULTON TODAY

Fulton, Ky., Dec. 15. (Special)—The general association of Gospel Mission Baptist churches convened here this morning at the Central Baptist church, with a large representation from all sections of the country. The Rev. B. H. Kemmere, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., preached the opening sermon this morning. The temporary organization was Dr. B. M. Bogard, of Little Rock, Ark., president; and the Rev. William Barker, of Ewing, Ill., secretary.

This association is composed of Baptist churches, which withdrew two years ago from the Southern Baptist convention as far as foreign mission work is concerned, and organized this association at Texarkana, Texas. It has missionaries in Syria, Persia and Mexico.

Many Baptist ministers connected with the Southern Baptist convention were present as lookers-on. Among them is the Rev. M. E. Dodd, of the First church, Paducah.

### Otis Blinks Here.

Cad in his uniform and with his rifle Otis Blinks, a confessed night rider, passed through Paducah en route this morning from Eddyville to Benton, where he will testify in the night rider trials. Blinks, since his confessions, has served in the state guards. He has been on duty at Eddyville most of the time.

### I. C. Pay Car.

Tomorrow morning the pay car of the Illinois Central railroad will arrive in Paducah and pay off the employees. The car will arrive on the Calro train at 7:45 o'clock and remain here until Thursday morning. All of the retail stores will remain open of evenings and Christmas shopping is expected to have an impetus from the railroad trade.

## ANOTHER VESSEL OF VENEZUELA IS CAUGHT BY DUTCH

Will Be Held as Prize in Hope  
Of Stirring Up the  
Revolutionists.

It is Reported That Venezue-  
lans Are Loyal.

### GERMANS APPRAISE CASTRO.

London, Dec. 15.—Disputes from The Hague announce that another Venezuelan coast guard ship, Mayo, was captured. The vessel is held as a prize. Messages state that Holland expects by such methods to incite Venezuela to revolution, which will overthrow Castro.

Venezuelan Demonstration.  
Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 15.—The news that the republic had been placed in a state of national defense against Holland ran through the city like wildfire, and in a few moments there was an enormous crowd in front of the yellow house, the executive mansion, to greet Acting President Gomez.

As Gomez made his way across the plaza to the yellow house he was received with enthusiasm. The yellow house was crowded with a numerous assemblage of the most distinguished citizens of Caracas. Speeches were made demanding that all political prisoners be set at liberty and that the existing government monopolies be abolished.

The threatened danger from without had a double effect on the people and they demanded measures of protection, but at the same time insisted upon the termination of one of the most unpopular courses of the Castro administration, the maintenance of government monopolies in the necessities of life.

Foreign Minister Paul replied in behalf of the acting president. He exhorted the people to trust Gomez to solve the difficult problem confronting Venezuela today and help him carry his burden of tremendous responsibility.

The hostile demonstration at the offices of the El Constitutional is evidence of the unpopularity of Castro.

### GERMANS CHEER CASTRO.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—President Castro, of Venezuela, and party arrived here last evening. The train was awaited by a dense crowd of people who had gathered out of curiosity. So precautions had been taken to prevent the public from crowding the platforms and as the train steamed into the depot the president was greeted with shouts of "Long Live Castro." There was a general lifting of hats and much cheering.

The Venezuelan chargé d'affaires at Berlin, Senor Veloz-Goltekin, and Senor Nachod, consul at Berlin, and other eminent Venezuelans, had great difficulty in making their way to the entrance of the car where Castro was standing waiting to descend. As soon as the train came to a standstill Castro stepped out quickly and cordially embraced Veloz and Nachod. The consul read a short address of welcome and the president apparently was about to reply when another train dashed in on the opposite platform with such a deafening noise that his effort to speak was in vain.

**Castro's Wife Cheered.**

Further cheering broke out as the president's wife and other members of his party descended the saloon steps. They then left the station and found, drawn up outside, several motor cars which were elaborately decorated with Venezuelan flags. In these they drove to the hotel Esplanade, followed by a number of private motor cars and cabs containing newspaper men and others. The corridor of the hotel was crowded when they arrived and a band struck up the Venezuelan hymn as Castro, with his wife, entered. The president declined to be interviewed.

Members of Castro's suite stated that the president had sent a dispatch to Emperor William from Herbolsthal on the German frontier, stating that he had come to Germany for medical treatment and expressing profound homage to his majesty. According to the same authority, when he learned the news of the capture of the Venezuelan vessel by the Dutch cruiser Gelderland he was not greatly affected, merely remarking that there was no such vessel in the Venezuelan service.

While at Cologne the president and party visited the Cathedral and other places of interest and enjoyed an automobile trip along the shores of the Rhine. He displayed the greatest interest in the industrial region of Westphalia.

## Defeated Candidates in Primary in Calloway County Bring Suit to Set Aside Election as Illegal

Old Law and Order-Night  
Rider Controversy Gets Into  
Court at Murray—Grand Jury  
and Recount Unavailing

Murray, Ky., Dec. 15. (Special)—Calloway county's primary fight was not finished by a recount of votes, but suit has been filed in circuit court against the successful candidates and the former county committee to set aside the primary on the ground of illegal voting and failure to call the primary forty days before the date set.

The plaintiffs are D. J. Alexander, who was defeated for county judge by E. P. Phillips; J. K. Matheny, who was defeated for circuit clerk by Joseph Lancaster, and W. A. Patterson, who was defeated by Walter Holland for sheriff. A recount of the votes resulted in increasing the majorities of the successful candidates, and a grand jury investigation into alleged participation by Republicans in West Murray precinct resulted in no indictments. A cousin of County Judge Wells was presented on a charge of contempt based on the statement of a juror, tenant of a defeated candidate, that Wells had approached him and advised him not to vote in the election.

The truth is, it seems, that there was a combination between Republicans and law and order Democrats to support the ticket, which won. Not all the defeated candidates were night rider sympathizers, but as in the case of the sheriff, Walter Holland was opposed by night riders because he had been so active in prosecuting them.

The Republicans have no show in a general election in Calloway, and in order to insure the success of the law and order ticket, they paired off with Democrats in the general election, voting for Bryan so as to qualify for the primary. The primary result was close, and Judge Cook instructed the grand jury to take action whenever it found that a Republican had voted in the primary. Nothing came of this attempt and then a recount was held.

**Playing Poker Sunday.**  
About 21 young fellows liked the incline on the river bank Sunday afternoon and began an interesting game of poker. Detective Lige Cross flushed the players, but they proved good runners. Yesterday afternoon Detectives Cross and Bailey and Patrolman Owen arrested Willis Roberts, Elmer Stone, Ben Floyd, Alfred McClure and Charles M. Chapman, all charged with gaming. The cops are after the remainder of the players.

## LONE OAK CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED ON NEXT SUNDAY

The Lone Oak Methodist church will be dedicated Sunday, when the first service will be held in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. J. W. Blackard, presiding elder of the Paducah district will preach the dedicatory sermon, but he will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. W. J. Naylor, and the Rev. G. T. Sullivan and the Rev. G. W. Banks. The new church has been under construction since June, and is neat building of concrete and is modern in every respect. The opera chairs will not arrive until January 1, but seats will be installed temporarily.

### WEATHER.



CLOUDY

Partly cloudy and cooler tonight. Wednesday increasing cloudiness. Highest temperature yesterday, 68; lowest today, 45.

## NORTH CHRISTIAN COUNTY FARMERS ORGANIZE POOL

Will Sell Their Tobacco Loose  
Leaf and They Denounce  
Association.

No Night Riders Among Their  
Number.

LYON COUNTY IS NEGOTIATING

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 15. (Special)—North Christian farmers led in the revolt from the Planters' Protective association at a meeting which filled the court house, last evening, when they organized the Farmers' Mutual Tobacco association, a loose leaf pool. Former Sheriff Lem R. Davis was elected president, and a committee was appointed to complete arrangements for handling the tobacco. This does not mean the entire destruction of the association in Christian county, but the majority of the planters in the northern part are in the new organization.

They propose to handle their tobacco in Hopkinsville. If the people here are not afraid of night riders, otherwise they will handle it through Paducah or Louisville. It is believed they will not be molested here.

There are no night riders in this organization. They adopted resolutions to the effect that the association officers are running the business for their own profits and salaries and not for the farmers. They also declared they "would quit raising tobacco before they would commit murder and burn property."

It was proposed by some speakers that further parley be held with the Planters' Protective association, but the farmers evidently came with their minds made up and they would not move from their concerted course.

Lyon county planters in a movement, which is much larger than this and includes some men suspected of night rider sympathies, have appointed a committee to confer further with the association. Planters of Caldwell and Trigg county have not gone this far in their protest against association methods of handling tobacco.

### Association Salaries.

Guthrie, Ky., Dec. 15.—Planters' Protective association officers announce the following schedule of salaries: President, \$900; vice-president, \$600; general manager, \$5,000; secretary, \$1,200; treasurer, \$1,200.

### Jones' Condition Serious

Chances are about even for the recovery of George Jones, who was attacked Sunday afternoon by Finley Climer with a scimitar. Jones has never recovered consciousness since the blow. His physicians believe that he will be able to pull through despite the seriousness of his wound.

### Board's Successor

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 15. (Special)—The governor will not appoint Dr. Board's successor until the new year. Judge Lawrence Anderson, of Graves county, is a hot tip for the place.

### Smouldering Fire

A fire that has been smouldering in a saw dust pile at Sowell's mill on Meyer street, broke out this morning at 4:25 o'clock, and the private force was unable to cope with it. An alarm was turned in and fire companies Nos. 2 and 4 responded. Extra lines of hose were placed on and the firemen checked the advance of the flames. The fire was smouldering several days, and probably will burn for weeks. The mill has men working on the fire, and a stream of water is kept going constantly. It did no damage to the mill or stock this morning.

### MRS. HARGIS SAYS SHE WILL SPEND ALL TO SAVE SON

Jackson, Ky., Dec. 15. (Special)—Mrs. James Hargis announces that she will have \$8,000 to spend if necessary to free her son, Beach Hargis, who killed his father. She has mortgaged her home.

### Elmer Hill at Lexington.

Danville, Ky., Dec. 15. (Special)—Elmer Hill, the murderer of Marie Womack, was taken to Lexington from Monticello, on account of the fear of a mob. Now, if it was 40 cents a month, it might come within their means; but \$3 1/2 cents a month is a terrible burden for a doctor, I think.

"Oh, go to grass," exclaimed one of his visitors. "You knew what we were coming here for."

The meeting of the general court in committee of the whole tonight promises to be interesting on account of the consideration of the license ordinance. Major Smith, who has figured out that he is sacrificing some \$7,000 or \$8,000 this year by being mayor, when he

**IN MEMORY  
OF LINCOLN**

Senator Dick Introduced a Resolution.

Recommends Celebration of Emancipator's Birthday—Americans at Home and Abroad.

TAKES PLACE FEBRUARY 12.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Dick, of Ohio, introduced in the Senate a resolution recommending the celebration of Lincoln's birthday, February 12, in a fitting manner. The senator believes that the one hundredth anniversary should be especially observed with appropriate ceremonies, not only by congress, but by all states, municipalities and the people generally. Senator Dick's resolution is as follows:

"Resolved, That the twelfth day of February, 1899, be set apart for a joint session of the two houses of congress, to be assembled to pay tribute to Abraham Lincoln, the great emancipator, to listen to an appropriate address upon the life, character, genius, patriotism and public services of the statesman who guided safely the ship of state through its greatest peril, and to

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otherwise commemorate in fitting manner his invaluable services to this nation.

Americans at Home and Abroad.

"Resolved, further, That we recommend that the American people, at home and abroad, the states and territories, and the District of Columbia, all municipalities and towns, all organized bodies of citizens, church as well as state; all associations, civil, military, patriotic, fraternal, scientific and social; labor and trade societies, chambers of commerce, and boards of trade, and other civic, commercial and industrial bodies, and all others, set apart the centennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln to do reverent honor to his memory.

"Resolved, further, That we recommend that at all places where people gather for public purposes addresses be made in memory of Lincoln, that the emancipation proclamation be read, his Gettysburg speech be repeated, and that wherever possible a short history of his life, his Gettysburg address and suitable excerpts from his addresses and correspondence be printed for circulation in pamphlets, magazines, periodicals and newspapers.

Incentive to Youth of Land.

"Resolved, further, That inasmuch as his triumph over the adverse circumstances of early years should be

incentive to the youth of the land, we recommend that on this day special and appropriate exercises be held in colleges, universities, academies and schools, and all seats of learning, to teach the lesson of the life and achievements of this great exemplar of our American civilization.

"Resolved, further, That we recommend neon looking to the erection in the city of Washington of a monument which shall be worthy of his great fame, his service to humanity and to his country, and fittingly commemorate the grandeur of character, the nobility of life and the epoch-making career of Abraham Lincoln."

Loss of Nature's Resources.

"The waste of mineral products of the United States amounts to \$1,000,000 per day in value. The waste of natural gas amounts to 1,000,000,000 cubic feet per day, or more than enough to light all the cities of the United States having more than 100,000 population."

These statements were made by Senator Flint, of California. Senator Flint called attention to the large waste of material and the large loss of life which characterize the mineral industries in all parts of the country, which he said was deplorable.

"The enormous waste in coal mining is equivalent to about one hundredth of the total product mined, or for the year 1897 about 240,000,000 tons," said Senator Flint, "with an entire waste of all mineral products approximating \$1,000,000 per day, and with the mineral production of the United States during the past year amounting to \$2,000,000,000, this waste is equivalent to more than one-sixth of the value of the total production."

Up Against Hard Proposition.

The house committee of the District of Columbia finds itself up against a hard proposition in considering the question of prohibition for the city of Washington. An agreement was practically reached to leave the matter to the "voters" of the city. Now, it is discovered that there is a great difference of opinion as to who should be allowed to vote, as about one-third of the city's population consists of negroes. The result is, that the liquor question is temporarily shelved to a secondary position, all of the discussion being over qualifications of voters.

Decrease in Receipts.

Commissioner John G. Capers, of the internal revenue bureau, in his annual report stated that for the last fiscal year there was a decrease in the receipts of \$17,998,072, as compared with the previous year, and that for the first three months of the current year there has been a decrease of \$7,262,228, as compared with the corresponding months of the last fiscal year.

The production of distilled grain spirits for the fiscal year 1898 was 126,089,740 tax gallons, which is a decrease of over 41,000,000 gallons, as compared with last year. This is accounted for by the commissioner to the prohibition movement, the high price of grain and the agreement among distillers to curtail production.

Denatured Alcohol Falls Off.

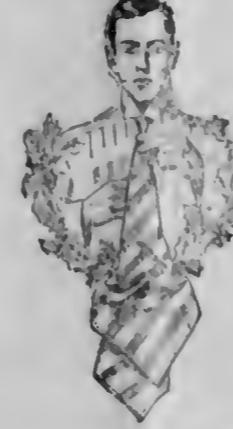
The total production of denatured alcohol during the year was 3,321,151 wine gallons, which is about 210,000 gallons less than for the previous year, and from reports received there does not appear to have been any very material increase in the quantity entering into general or agricultural use. This is partly accounted for by the high prices of distilling materials. The cost of production has not been sufficiently reduced, Mr. Capers says, to enable completely denatured alcohol to successfully compete with kerosene, gasoline or gas. Nevertheless it is gradually growing in favor for fuel, light and power.

Under speed regulations, an agricultural experiment laboratory recently has been established in Washington by the department of agriculture upon its own premises. The purpose is to determine the spirit-producing capacity of various materials, and to provide for the instruction and training of representatives from the agricultural experiment stations in

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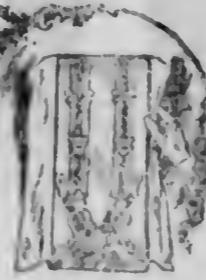
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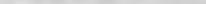
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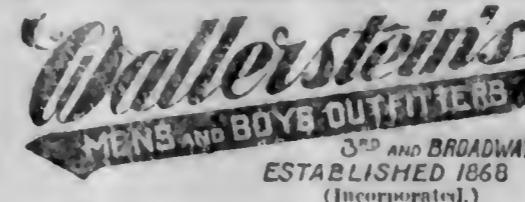
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Christmas (matinee and night)—"Brown of Harvard," January 6—Dustin Farnum in "The Squaw Man."

**Tim Murphy Tonight.**

No actor has a stronger or more devoted following in Paducah than Tim Murphy. Whether it be his exquisite acting of general, wholesome comedy roles, or those curtain talks he is always compelled to make, he has no rival in the hearts of his friends in the audience. The last few seasons have increased the roll of his local following and intensified the sentiment of the old faithful ones. Tonight Mr. Murphy, supported by an excellent company, headed by

Dorothy Sherwood, will appear in a new play, "Cupid and the Dollar."

January 6—Dustin Farnum in "The Squaw Man."

**"Cowboy Captain."**

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### COUNTY TEACHERS

WILL MEET SATURDAY AT THE  
KNOTT SCHOOL.

The McCracken County School Teachers' Association will meet Saturday at Knott school house. The meeting will be the program for the meeting.

10:00—Song and devotional exercises led by Superintendent Billington.  
10:45—"What is Good Discipline?"—G. B. Orr and Byron Kirkpatrick.  
M's "Adah Long and Ruth Stevens."  
11:15—"Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils Under the New School Law," Sup't S. J. Billington.  
11:30—"Some Things to Teach That Are Not in the Text Book," Mr. Ott H. M.  
12:00—General discussion of the course of study and daily program, the Rev. J. W. Blackard, presiding el-

der, presiding. The Rev. W. J. Nayor was elected secretary. Those enrolled were: J. W. Blackard, W. J. Nayor, G. T. Sulivan, G. W. Banks, T. J. Owen, A. N. Sears, A. E. Scott, W. A. Banks, U. S. McCaslin, G. C. Crumbligh, R. E. Brasfield, Thomas Woodridge, E. R. Nayor, K. L. Randolph. The association will meet the Tuesdays after the first and third Sundays in each month at the Broadway church. On the first meetings the pastors will report and the second meetings of each month will be devoted to discussion of assigned topics.

Methodist Ministers' Organtze. The Methodist Pastors' Association reorganized for the year this morning

### FIRST WARD BALL

HELD IN CHICAGO LAST NIGHT  
AT THE COLISEUM.

and Kenna, was held in the Coliseum last night, all efforts of church people and reformers to prevent the holding of the ball having proven unsuccessful.

A large guard of police surrounded the building, extra precautions being taken because of the explosion of a dynamite bomb in the vicinity last night. Photographers were forbidden to attend the ball and the efforts of one to violate the rule resulted in an attack on him.

\$25,000, the sum, according to the regular custom, is to be used toward electing the alderman of the ward whose term expires next spring.

—The board of public works will meet in regular session this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the city hall. Only routine business will be before the board. Considerable time will be devoted to the preparation of the annual report of the board and of the different departments under the direction of the board.

### Gift Certificates

Prepaid presentation certificates can be secured at our store, entitling the holder to the selection of goods to the face amount. Present them to whom you wish and the recipients may call at their convenience and make their own selection of Xmas gifts. This is a dignified way of observing the time-honored custom of gift giving. Specimens are on display in our window.

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Personally appeared before me this Dec. 1, 1908, R. D. MacMillen, business manager of The Sun, who affirms that the above statement of the circulation of The Sun for the month of November, 1908, is true to the best of his knowledge and belief. My commission expires January 10, 1912.

PETER PURYEAR,  
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Daily Thought.  
"The ability to learn marks the limit of actual living."

John D. Rockefeller hurried to his dentist at Cleveland with the toothache Saturday. We thought the government had extracted John's teeth at the trust investigation.

E. L. Harriman, by a ruling of the United States supreme court, escapes answering questions put to him concerning Union and Southern Pacific stock transactions; but why did he wish to escape?

Ireland has 193,000 men over 70 years old ready to take advantage of Great Britain's old age pension, and if we understand the Irish temperament, all the rest of the inhabitants will go on living just as long as they can get even with England.

President Roosevelt's suggestion that innocent negro soldiers be reinstated as soon as they testify to what they know about the Brownsville raid is calculated by its fairness to take all the life out of Senator Foraker's plea to reinstate soldiers, shielding comrades who shot into the bones of citizens of Brownsville. This country would be well protected by soldiers like that, wouldn't it?

How much the colored race deserves encouragement will be shown by the way the race responds to the call for the new colored Institute in this state. The school will be practical in its nature. It is not expected that individual colored people will give much; but every one should contribute his mite and not be ashamed of it. The aggregate of mites is spelled might.

The argument will be advanced tonight perhaps that since the city is in such great straits the license for bucket shops should be reduced, so that they will come in and add \$500 to the city's revenue. A bucket shop would take out of the city thousands of dollars owed to the merchants and they could better afford to pay that money into the city themselves.

THE PROBLEM BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

More than once this fall The Sun has been compelled to protest against suggestions of extravagance from the other press of the city on account of the stress of the times. The city has been urged to undertake street and sewer extensions and wholesale sidewalk construction. The Sun argued that this is scarcely the time to talk of such work, especially under our iniquitous system of direct assessment and the exorbitant price exacted for such work in Paducah. Now, however, it is proposed to add to the vacation license to meet the current obligations of the city and wipe out the interest breeding floating debt. On the subject The Sun said the members of the general council tonight should listen to all who wished to be heard on the subject, and if the speakers talk in behalf of Paducah their words should be carefully weighed. If injustice is apparent, of course, the members will try to remedy it. But if the speakers have no concern for the welfare of Paducah

in their suggestions, it is not the duty of councilmen and aldermen to heed the suggestions, providing there is no apparent injustice.

The principal increase is that of brewery agents, whom it is proposed to assess \$500 this year. Whether the reasons justify the license or whether the license is too high, every man can judge for himself. It is the province neither of The Sun nor any other paper to attempt to dictate on this point. One might naturally expect some of the agents to endeavor to get their assessment reduced although we do not know that any of them are, and those who are profiting by the interest from the city might be expected, were they that character of men, to object to any means to wipe out the floating debt; but one would hardly have expected the paper, which has been demanding street and sewer extensions at the direct expense of property owners, plus thirty per cent bonus for collecting it, to try hard times when the city is trying to raise money to meet its current obligations and abolish an interest charge.

IN VENEZUELA.

The test of national spirit is an attack from the outside. No matter how varied and antagonistic the political or religious beliefs of the people of this country, or the unpopularity of the administration, should the nation be attacked, no one could imagine the people as a whole not rallying to the government. Venezuela, which has been the pawn of the wily Castro for years, has suffered humiliation at the hands of the Netherlands. It was expected that either the nation would be forced to terms by having its commerce effectively blocked, or that this move would precipitate a revolution. The opposite may be the effect. Mayhap the Venezuelans will rally to the government.

We have little faith in Castro, and he has ruled those wild Latins for a long time, and it seems he dared leave the country in the hands of subordinates. Whether he was fleeing, while yet he had time or is on diplomatic missions it is difficult to say. Much of the trouble arose over foreign concessions in Venezuela. Our own asphalt trust, which has been mauling American manufacturers, had a round with Castro. We didn't care much for that; for however bad Castro might be, he was not doing anything to the asphalt trust that the asphalt trust was not doing to us. If it happens that the Netherlands has awakened some Dutch in those South Americans we shall watch them fight it out for the feather-weight championship with delight.

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"He looked full at Stenovics. "Never mind names, and the gen'l," he said craftily, "I rather sharply." "But that's not first in my mind or I should have left the matter where it rested last night. I was thinking of the difference to Captain Mistitch and perhaps to you, general?" He looked full at Stenovics, and the general's eyes fell. The prince pointed

STANDARD GOES SKYWARD.

Market Value of Stock Has Increased \$326,000,000 in Year.

New York, Dec. 15.—Standard Oil stock has increased \$320,000,000 in market value in less than a year. It sold today at \$710 a share, and a year ago touched \$390. Of the increase in the market value, \$10,000,000 has been made up in the past week since the principal witnesses finished their testimony in the Standard Oil investigation. Popular belief credits John D. Rockefeller personally with owning at least one-fourth of the capital stock and some estimates run as high as 40 per cent., so that his share in the advance is anywhere from \$80,000,000 to \$120,000.

Mrs. Taft Honored.

New York, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Taft was elected honorary national chairman of the Woman's Department, National Civic Federation. It is expected the first lady in the land she will enlarge the organization.

## Sophy of Kravonia.

By ANTHONY HOPE,  
Author of "The Prisoner of Zenda."

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## WASTE OF HUMAN LIFE DURING YEAR

Between 25,000 and 35,000 Deaths.

Campaign for Cleaner Press is Instituted in New York City.

## INTERNAL REVENUE RECORD

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Stenovics came in. His air was nervous, and he looked at the prince's three companions with a visible access of embarrassment. At a nod from the prince the orderly placed a chair for the general and withdrew.

The same matter we discussed last night, general?"

There can be but one matter in the thoughts of all of us now, sir. Pardon me; I understand your royal highness would receive me alone."

The prince gave a low laugh. "When one bargains, shouldn't one have witnesses?"

In an instant Stenovics laid hold of the significant word. It made him forget his request for privacy. An eager light came into his eyes.

"Bargains? You're ready now?"

"La mil parte conseil," he drew a paper from the envelope, unfolded it and handed it across the table. "You remember that, a memorandum I sent to you three months ago in my capacity is confidential?"

Stenovics looked at the paper. "I remember, sir."

"It's judicious in your hand?"

"Yes."

"The indorsement runs, 'Impossible.'

"The note was for my private use, but your royal highness particularly pressed for the return of the document."

"I did, and, after all, why use more words than necessary? One will still be enough, but not that one."

"I'm not following you, sir," said Stenovics.

The prince leaned across the table to him. "In our conversation last night you asked me to do a very remarkable thing and get this lady here"—he indicated Sophie—"to do it too. You remember? We were to think that at night, in the Street of the Fountain, in the light of the illuminations, Sergius Stefanovitch and Nikols Staffitz looked and sounded just the same. I didn't see my way to that, and I didn't think this lady would see it. It seemed so difficult."

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"Make that change, and we'll settle details afterward. I must have full guarantees. I must see the order sent and the money deposited in my name at my disposal."

"This afternoon, sir?"

"Wouldn't it be well to release Captain Mistitch from Subzman's tower before tonight?"

"The money is difficult today."

"The release will be impossible tomorrow."

Again Stenovics' eyes wandered to the window, and a silence followed. Perhaps he saw the big guns already in position, dominating the city. Perhaps he listened to the hum of voices which again began to swell in volume from the wall and from the quays. There are times when a man must buy the present with a mortgage on the future, however onerous the terms may be. It was danger against destruction. He put out his hand and took from Zerkovitch a quill which the journalist was twiddling in his fingers. He made a scratch and a scribble on the paper which the prince had taken from the envelope.

"'Impossible' has become 'immediate,' sir."

"And Sergius Stefanovitch—Nikols Staffitz?" said the prince. He looked at Sophie for confirmation, and she softly clapped her hands.

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## Piano Recital

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It is pointed out that the possibilities for successful accident prevention have been clearly demonstrated in the experience of foreign countries. "Granting," the bulletin states, "that the underlying conditions in European countries are often quite different, and that many of our industrial accidents may be the result of ignorance, recklessness and carelessness, the fact remains that an immense amount of human life is three prominent men who declare wasted and a vast amount of injury that they have the support of Archibald Farley, Bishop Greer, Jacob Schiff, the banker and timberman; Robert W. DeForest and others. The co-operation of the public is invited to help to save at least one-third, and perhaps one-half, by intelligent and rational methods of factory inspection.

For a Cleaner Press.

New York, Dec. 15.—With the

start of the Hahn trial at Flushing, L. I., a campaign for a "cleaner press" has been inaugurated in New York with the hope of inducing newspapers to eliminate from their columns anything that might be suggestive or offensive. The move has been started by an open letter of Archibald Farley, Bishop Greer, Jacob Schiff, the banker and timberman; Robert W. DeForest and others. The co-operation of the public is invited to help to save at least one-third, and perhaps one-half, by intelligent and rational methods of factory inspection.

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—Christmas Monogram Stationery at Wolff's.

—Manicuring, hairdressing, scalp treatments and massaging, Iola Fisher, 614 Kentucky, phone 1852.

—For highest cash market price bring your tobacco to Hohner's warehouse.

—The "Merry Christmas" stamp of the Red Cross will add to the cheer of your holiday tokens. One cent each everywhere.

The Ramsey society will have a sale of art and fancy goods, home-made pickles, preserves, cakes and candies, at 204 Broadway, same building as the Newell society, next Tuesday and Wednesday.

—Engaged Calling Cards for Christmas at Wolff's.

—For loose leaf ledgers and bladders see the Paducah Printing and Bookbinding Co., Phone 400.

—Christmas Fountain Pens at Wolff's.

—Every letter and package should bear the Red Cross "Merry Christmas" stamp. It looks so good and gay and signifies such a noble cause, buy a hundred to use and give away.

—I will give you more coal for \$1 than any other coal dealer in town. The fee man and coal man. West Flowers. Phone 473.

—Libby's The World's Best Cut Glass to be had only at Wolff's.

—The large doll that will be sold at the Ramsey society bazaar is now on display in Ogle's window.

—City subscribers to The Daily Sun who wish the delivery of their papers stopped must notify our collector or make the requests direct to The Sun office. No attention will be paid to such orders when given to carriers. Sun Publishing Co.

—Christmas wreaths and crosses in Holly, Balsam, Green, More Green Galax or Immortelles. Branson's, 529 Broadway.

Sterling Silver Toilet Sets at Wolff's.

Sheriff John W. Oglevie and his deputies are busy preparing the list of delinquent county and state tax payers. The list will be published soon, and the delinquent payers can save expense by paying their taxes now. The penalty went on December 1, but each day the cost will increase.

Magistrate J. J. Bleich today received a telegram from Jackson, Tenn., that a son was born last night to Mr. and Mrs. William Bleich.

There will be a mass meeting of colored people at the Washington Street Baptist church tonight to hear about the new colored school in Kentucky.

James Dickens, a resident of Maysville, was arrested this morning by thin cable A. C. Shelton on a charge of failure to support his infant children. He was placed in the

**Cost of Steel Rails**

Washington, Dec. 15.—Schwab testified before the ways and means committee regarding the cost of steel manufacture. He gave figures, showing that in 1899 the cost of making steel rails in this country was \$12 the ton. In England the cost was \$19. The present cost here is \$21.50.

**Chief's Body Found**

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The body of Police Chief Higby, who disappeared from a boat November 30, was found in the bay and positively identified, although badly decomposed.

**Three Recruits**

Three men were enlisted for the army this morning by Capt. William L. Head, of Evansville, at the local recruiting station in charge of Sgt. C. A. Blake. The men enlisted were George Barkley, of Golden Pond, enlisted for the second time for the Infantry; George H. Jackson, of Wingo, enlisted for the coast artillery, and William Pitts, of Big Sandy, Tenn., enlisted for the Infantry. The recruits will leave tomorrow morning for Jefferson barracks at St. Louis. Capt. Head arrived from Cairo and went to Princeton. The recruiting stations at Princeton and Henderson will be closed today and the territory covered by those two stations will be added to the Paducah district, which makes an addition of 6 counties to the Paducah district.

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**IN SOCIAL CIRCLES****Red Men's Dance.**

The entertainment committee of the Ogleen tribe, Red Men, will give a series of dances this winter in the Red Men's hall on North Fourth street. The first dance will be given tomorrow night.

**Pedalers Met in California.**

The San Bernardino (California) Daily Sun of December 5, in its "Social Notes," gives prominence to the following mention that is of wide interest here as all the parties are native Paducahans and especially popular ones:

Richard Irving Scott, who is a member of the Louis James company, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar B. Jones at luncheon yesterday. Mr. Scott is a long time Kentucky friend of Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

In the east last evening Mr. Scott had the role of the German, "Herr Trumpeterstrafe," who appears in the entertaining fourth act of "Peer Gynt."

On Thursday afternoon Mr. Scott was delegated by Mr. James to read before the student body of the Redlands High school, a paper on the life of Olsen and his "Peer Gynt," which Mr. James had prepared but was unable to present.

**Attractive Program for O'Sullivan****Hedical.**

The program for the piano recital to be given on Wednesday evening, by Patrick O'Sullivan at the K. C. Hall, is one that will distinctly appeal to all lovers of music. Mr. O'Sullivan

will bring his own concert grand piano. He will play several of his own compositions among them some of the Irish Melodies that have proved so taking in his concert tours of the foreign cities. Mr. O'Sullivan's Celtic temperament makes another of his compositions for Wednesday evening, namely, "Vision," of especial power. He is a native of Louisville, but has resided 31 years in Berlin. The program is:

Menon's Musicales, in A flat Schubert.

Sonata, op. 26—Beethoven.

Vision, P. O'Sullivan.

Ballade, No. 3, op. 47—Chopin.

Nocturne, op. 37, No. 2—Chopin.

Valé Brillante—Chopin.

Etude, op. 10, No. 12—Chopin.

Harmones du Soir—Laz.

Four Irish Melodies—P. O'Sullivan.

Mazurka—Laz.

Iphodis, No. 12—Laz.

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### FRANCE SAID TO BE AIDING THE REBELS.

Every Day Brings Additional Reports of Murders and Attempts From Bengal.

London, Dec. 15.—Lord Morley will make a most important statement for the government as to the situation in India, and what the government proposes to do to meet it in the house of lords tomorrow.

The situation in India is admittedly very critical, so critical in fact, that the viceroy, Lord Minter, has decided to cancel a number of appointments in other parts of the empire, and remain for the present, at least, in Calcutta. It is admitted by the government that sedition is steadily spreading and that assassinations of officials are becoming more frequent. It has been discovered that sedition literature has been introduced into India from France and it is understood the French government has been requested to take steps to stop it.

Lord Morley's statement is looked forward with great interest. All that can be stated with any certainty as far as government action is concerned is that a comprehensive Indian reform bill is being prepared with great care, the Indian office here and the Indian government acting in close co-operation, but it will be several months before it is ready for presentation to parliament.

### Outrages in India.

In the meantime hardly a day passes but what brings from India a tale of murder, or attempted murder, with British officials as the victims.

Among the most recent outrages

of this character was the throwing of a bomb filled with dynamite bullets at a railway carriage on the Eastern Bengal railway near Agarpur, in which Public Prosecutor Hume was traveling. The bomb fell short and exploded harmlessly. In the Lahore district, District Superintendent of Police Clough and two local cowards were murdered by a constable.

These are typical cases and others are constantly being reported.

### BOYS MEET RIP'S DWARFS.

Catskill, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Gus Overbaugh and Horace Cook, boys went hunting for rabbits on East Jewett mountain. The lads came across a big brush heap in a clearing. Cook mounted the pile and began dancing on it, hoping to start a bunny.

Overbaugh, viewing the performance from a stump, suddenly saw the mass of brush rise in the air and amble toward him, with a badly rattled boy on top of the heap, taking the creepiest ride of his life.

As Overbaugh was about to throw a backward somersault from his perch on the stump in order to escape from what he firmly believed was a visitation from the crew that paid Rip Van Winkle to sleep, he recognized the features of a big black bear under the brush.

While the boys were afraid of spooks, they were not to be scared by a bear, and their rifles soon laid the beast out dead.

They sold the bear for \$32.

The Blonde—"It's odd I get along so much better with men than with women."

The Brunette—"Well, you know, dearie, women's perceptions are much keener than men's."—Kansas City Times.

A \$10,000 wireless telegraph plant is being erected at Newport, which will have a working radius of 1,250 miles.

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## WILL LAND ON OIL OCTOPUS

New Tariff Bill Hard Blow to Standard.

General Cut All Along the Line, Especially on the Raw Materials.

### GOSSIP ABOUT THE TARIFF.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The Standard Oil company will receive a hard jolt when the new tariff bill is framed. The ways and means committee already has decided informally that there shall be free trade in oil. There has been no official decision to this effect, but Chairman Sereno R. Payne has agreed to the proposition, and the other ardent standpatters of the committee are willing. Representative Crumpacker, a member of the committee, considers it a foregone conclusion that the Standard, the greatest of all trusts, will be deprived of its tariff prop.

There has been a good deal of misunderstanding as to the tariff benefit enjoyed by the Standard Oil company. In reply to the charge that "the tariff is the mother of trusts" political orators of the standard persuasion have been pointing to the oil trust. It has been a stock argument that the oil trust has grown up to be the biggest of all the trusts notwithstanding there is no tariff on oil.

It is true that the Dingley schedules impose no direct rate on oil, but in that act there is a provision that whenever a foreign country levies a tariff on any product imported from the United States there shall be levied automatically a tariff on the same product coming from that country into the United States equal in amount to the tariff imposed by the foreign country.

By virtue of this provision the Standard Oil company is given a high wall of protection as against Russia, which is its leading competitor in the oil business. Russia levied a tariff against American oil and immediately a tariff against Russian oil became effective, equal in amount to the Russian tariff.

**Chairman Payne's Plan.**  
The plan of going after Standard Oil company proposed by Chairman Payne, Mr. Crumpacker and others is to add a phrase to the automatic provision of the Dingley bill, so changing it that it will not apply to oil. The effect of this would be to insure actual and not theoretical free trade in oil.

While the profits of Standard Oil will thus be cut down there is a likelihood that there will be a general overhauling of some of the existing schedules. The tariff on hides is likely to be abolished. There is a strong sentiment in favor of wiping out the tariff on lumber. The tariff on leather will be materially reduced and the woolen schedule will be pared.

There is no longer any doubt that the tariff on steel and iron will undergo a severe surgical operation. Conservative members of the ways and means committee will not be surprised if the steel and iron schedules are reduced one-half. The evidence brought out at the ways and means hearings overwhelmingly indicates that the high prices charged the manufacturers of steel in one of their most serious drawbacks.

**Free Raw Materials.**  
The outlook in general is for a reduction all along the line in the prices of raw materials that enter into manufactures. Leading manufacturers all over the country are complaining that while they have had more business during the last several years than they ever had before and have turned out more manufactured products, they have made less money because they have had to pay such high prices for raw materials that their margin or profit has gone glimmering.

The demand for free raw materials is finding champions among members of congress who are strongly wedded to protection as a general proposition. Senator Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin, is one of these. He is one of the wealthiest men of his state, and has a control of a large number of industries, including paper mills, etc.

"Free raw materials," said he, "will go a long way toward opening the doors for small manufacturers once more to enter the markets, which, of late years, have been closed to them by reason of trust control of American sources of raw material."

By the removal of the tariff on raw material neither the investor nor the worker will be adversely affected and the trust will be deprived of their most powerful leverage—control of the market for raw materials."

### Exceptional.

The June bride frowned. "These tomatoes," she said, "are just twice as dear as those across the street. Why is it?"

"Ah, madam, these"—and the grocer smiled—"these are hand-picked."

She blushed. "Of course," she said, hastily; "I might have known. Give me a bushel, please."—Harper's Weekly.

Do heaven's business and heavenly beauty will take care of itself.

# HOLIDAY OFFERINGS

## Save Your Money

Don't throw it away on frivolous purchases, but spend it for articles of usefulness and value, of real value and future service. This can be done just as easily, and you can give just as appropriate and pleasing gifts, provided you know how and where to go and do your shopping.

## Our Railroad Friends

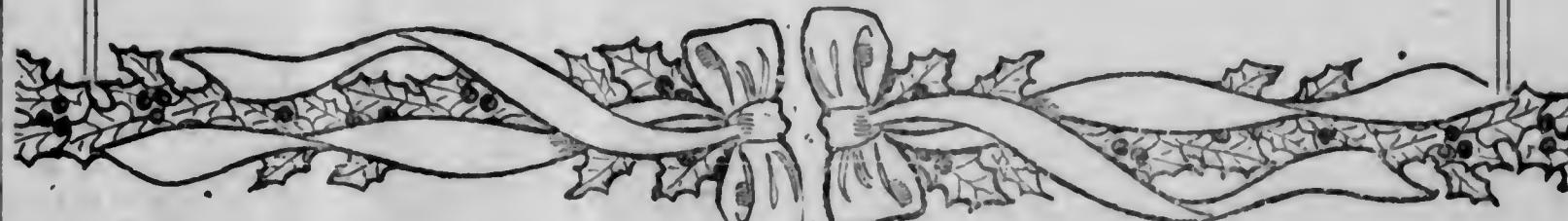
will find that their money will go farther here than at any other house in town. Come in and let us put your purchases away for you till Christmas.

There is a suggestion on every hand for every friend; for mother, father, brother, sister and the children. Never before has our stock so teemed with such rare Christmas values.

Now, if you want more goods and better goods for the money than you ever bought before, call and see us.

# GARNER BROS.

## 207-209 South Third Street



### PLANTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Many of the plants the florists offer for sale at this holiday season are very beautiful and almost irresistible, but where we can only buy a limited number it pays to select those that will last longer than a few days, or even weeks, as many of the Christmas plants are short-lived.

Among these long-lived plants none is prettier or carries out the Christmas colorings better than the So'aum or Jerusalem cherry.

It grows easily from seed and when quite grown attains a height of about eighteen to twenty inches.

It is planted out in the garden in spring,

and in the fall is carefully lifted and planted and potted in good rich garden soil and sand, shaded for a few days after potting.

It will soon show a small insignificant blossom which is followed by small fruit very much resembling cherries, without stems,

of a bright red and yellow color.

The berries remain on the plant the greater part of the winter. When they begin to drop off (save a few) the seeds for the following winter.

They are plants of one season's growth and must be grown fresh every year as described above from seed.

The seed should be sown in sandy soil, in pots as soon as ripe, so you will have plants well started by planting-out time in spring.

The unanswerable prayer finds its fruitage in the disciplined heart.

As proof of the lasting qualities wood was as sound as when new, of express, a coffin recently was excavated at New Orleans which had been buried since 1861, yet the never tried to take up all the road,

## HOLLY! HOLLY! HOLLY!

### Xmas Trees, Cut Flowers

We have the choicest lot of Calla Lillies in the city. Also the finest Roses, Carnations and Chrysanthemums.

### WREATHS

Moss, Holly, Immortelle, Galax, Magnolia, Ruscus, Lencothe, and Cycus Wreaths.

Choice lot of Plants.  
New Metal Designs.

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Both Phones 192

## BULLS ARE ROUTED AT WINDY CITY

Bears Get the Upper Hand in Wheat Pit.

Government Report Differs From Speculators' Figures; Other Factors Drive Prices Down.

CORN IS LOWER, OATS STEADY.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—When the government report last Monday made the condition of winter wheat from four to six points higher than the trade generally in this market had anticipated it knocked the pros from under the prices of that grain and there was a tumble early in the week from which no motive sufficiently strong for recovery could be found up to the closing of the market Saturday.

Conviction is strong in many quarters that the government report is too optimistic, but going behind the returns means simply the placing of one set of calculators against another and taking one's choice. Several state reports bear out the reasonableness of a difference of opinion as to the outlook of the crop of 1908-9. For instance, the Missouri state authorities report a condition of growing wheat considerably below that of the government and announce an acreage of half million acres short of that given out at Washington. On top of this pessimistic message is the complaint of damage by the Hessian fly. Kansas' state report also shows a smaller acreage and poorer condition—the figures being 88 against 92 fixed upon by the federal department.

These state messages are giving the bulls ground for hope that future reports may vindicate their judgment of conditions and of the outlook for the market next year, but the weight of opinion and argument has been on the neither side, hence the slump in values.

### Europe Little Interested.

The European buyer has occasion now to be less interested in the American situation even than hitherto, so far as supplies are concerned. Expert opinion is that the surplus of this country will be 110,000,000, or equal to that of last year. Side by side with this estimate is the generally accepted view that the source of supply from other countries is as promising as it was a year ago. There may be a falling off of 20,000,000 bushels in the Argentine, as reported by the officials of the republic, but it is accepted that Australia's surplus will more than make up for this deficiency. Moreover, India may be counted on, apparently, for a larger share in furnishing the world's foodstuffs than a year ago.

Foreign markets during the week showed the general lack of anxiety in that quarter. There has been no difficulty in getting current supplies at prices that were satisfactory and there is more than ever disposition to take things easy and wait future developments with hope that American values will get down to a more alluring basis.

With the present plane of prices in Chicago the situation has assumed more normal aspect, considered in view of the relationship between the western and the eastern markets. Ten days ago there was almost an anomalous situation of Philadelphia and Baltimore consuming wheat at the same or at a lower value than that prevailed right here in the center of the wheat market and close to the producing territory. There has been an evenning up process the last week, due to the big slump in prices here.

### Drop in Prices Precipitated.

The tumble began immediately after the government report was published. There was nothing in the northwestern situation to combat the influence of the government figures. The flour grade was reported dull and difficulty was being encountered to get shipping directions for the product that had been sold some time

**AT ALL MEALS  
and Between Meals**

## Post Toasties Are a Delight

The exquisite, thin, golden brown, crisp flakes, made of corn, furnish an irresistibly delicious food for old and young.

"The Taste Lingers"

**SOLD BY GROCERS**

Made by  
**POSTUM CEREAL CO., LTD.**,  
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# SAVE YOUR XMAS MONEY

## JUST IN THE NICK of TIME

NINE days before Christmas comes this stirring, value-giving event in high grade clothing, an event worthy of this store, worthy of its fame for splendid values in finest clothing, worthy of the greatest eight days' selling in its history. An actual saving of 25% to 33½% on broken lots and sizes in

## Men's and Youths' Suits, Overcoats, Raincoats

We have selected from our mammoth stock every odd and end garment where there remained only one or two sizes of a style, placed them on separate counters and will sell them tomorrow morning at a DRASTIC PRICE REDUCTION. If your size is here you can get the suit of overcoat and put from \$5 to \$10 in your pocket for Christmas Spending Money, for the amount you had expected to pay for your holiday suit. THIS IS NOT a sale of OLD STOCK but of this season's make and style. Dependable merchandise such as is handled by "The House of Weille."

**Tomorrow's clothing selling at this store will crowd this progressive establishment with economical buyers, eager for these correct fashioned garments of reliability and save from \$5.00 to \$10.00 on each purchase.**

### MEN'S \$18.00 and \$15.00 SUITS

Broken sizes, in cashmeres and worsteds, excellent quality, correct style, on sale tomorrow at

**\$11.75**

### MEN'S \$22.50 to \$20.00 SUITS

Broken sizes, in cashmeres and worsteds, all the latest creations of touch and finish, equal to \$25 garments found elsewhere; tomorrow at

**\$15.00**

### Men's \$12.50 Suits

Broken sizes, made of wear-resisting material, with just enough style and snap, without a conspicuous appearance; tomorrow at

**\$8.50**

## Extraordinary Special

150 Youths' Suits, sizes 16 to 20, in single and double breasted coats, in black Thibets, fancy Cheviots, Cashmeres, etc., that sold for \$10 and \$7.50, tomorrow at the remarkable low price of

**\$5.48**

## Men's Overcoats That Were \$15.00 for \$9.98

Fifty Toppers are included in this assortment, broken sizes and odd lots of medium length garments, in light and medium tans, covert cloth, with silk lining, Oxford grays and solid colors, Oxford grays with self stripes, that are extremely stylish, very popular this season; all go at the ridiculous low price of

**\$9.98**

## Extraordinary Special No. 2

100 Youths' Suits, in black Thibets, fancy Cheviots, Cashmeres and Worsts, in double and single breasted, sizes 16 to 20, that sold up to \$18.00, tomorrow at

**\$9.48**

THE STORE OPEN EACH NIGHT AFTER THE 15th

### MEN'S \$10 SUITS

Broken sizes, in cashmeres and worsteds, nicely made up, with latest kinks of style, for which you would willingly pay from \$11.50 to \$14.00 at other places; tomorrow at

**\$7.48**

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MENS & BOYS & CHILDRENS COMPLETE OUTFITTERS  
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also at lower quotations. Weak forces in the market added to the weight on the market. Once values began to give way, there was nothing to sustain them. Those who had relied on the Patten Judgment weakened under the avalanche of adverse influence and began to sell. As prices went down stop-loss orders were encountered and these still further helped along the tobogganing. Long wheat was damped on the market in great quantities. This process continued day after day.

The one note of hope early in the week was the decreasing receipts in the northwest and these were offset by a dead end demand. Minneapolis' millers reported they were able to buy wheat from the southwest at attractive terms, but business was such with them that their transactions were cautiously carried on at the wheat-buying end. There was more or less fear that the large quantities of May and July that were dumped on the market much of it was from the strong Patten holdings. This flight was an expression of the jumpy feeling that prevailed. The week closed with the bears in the ascendancy and nothing in sight to materially change the face of things in the immediate future.

### Corn in Sympathy.

Corn prices were sloughed off with those of wheat and the loss for the week ranged from 2 to 4 cents for the distant options. Weather conditions generally were favorable in the first hand marketing territory for deliveries and offerings were freely made. To meet there there was a

very dull eastern market and little inspiration anywhere along the line. Sentiment was bearish in sympathy with the wheat market. Missouri, Iowa and Illinois interior points were selling freely and the weather was favorable for the movement of grain.

Liquidation on a generous scale ensued, and while this was going on private elevators here were turning out contract corn at a rapid rate, more than doubling the supply of that grade over the week before. Toward the close of the week there was a visible betterment of the shipping demand, but commission houses were exerting a pressure that could not be withstood.

### Oats Hold Their Own.

As is often the case oats played an independent role and did not suffer with wheat and corn in the price crashes, values remaining virtually as they were at the close of the week before.

The more timid traders, fearing the uncertainties that invested the other pits, transferred their attention to oats with a resultant larger interest and greater activity in that commodity. Fluctuations were narrow and receipts continued on a small scale. Late in the week a wholesale shipping demand was developed and prices strengthened only to a shade off with the weakness of wheat and corn. The sample market showed more stability than the futures.

Provisions like oats enlisted a widening speculative interest and prices were well maintained in spite of the unusually large run of hogs from the interior. The trade took little note of the fact that the total

of packing for the week before was \$15,900, compared with \$50,000 the same week the year before. A strengthening factor was the expansion in the shipments over those of last year. Strength in the futures was traceable to the covering of shorts by local speculators and to additional investments by one of the leading grain dealers, who is interested in provisions as a side issue. The accepted estimates of stocks of provisions show a small increase in mess pork and prime steaks and a 25 per cent. increase in dry salted ribs. Since November 1 the total slaughtering of hogs is 1,750,000 ahead of a year ago. The end of December is likely to show a still larger lead over the record of 1907, but January and February are likely to show a falling of comparatively, although not sufficient to overcome the present surplus.

Johnsonville . . . . . 11.3 1.4 fall  
Cairo . . . . . 12.9 0.2 fall  
St. Louis . . . . . 4.7 0.9 fall  
Paducah . . . . . 7.8 0.1 fall

night from Clarksville and way landings and will be loaded and freighted. She will leave for Nashville tomorrow at noon.

The Egan has her tow almost filled with coal and she will leave in a few days for the Mississippi with a tow of West Kentucky coal.

The Henrietta will be due in port tomorrow from the Tennessee with several barges of tles.

The George Cowling was in port twice today with a large passenger and freight list from Metropolis.

The Royal came in port this morning from day City with a cabin full of passengers and a large freight business. She returned at 2 o'clock this afternoon with all the business she could handle.

The J. B. Williams, with a tow of 40 empty barges, arrived in port this morning from Mound City, where she has been tied up. The Williams with her big tow is tied up in the Tennessee to await a rise in the Ohio and in the meantime be out of the way of the ice that might come floating down the Ohio at any time.

The American arrived yesterday from the Tennessee with a tow of several barges of tles and went on to Joplin. The American returned from Joplin last night and will return to the Tennessee late this afternoon or tomorrow morning after another tow of tles.

The E. A. Voight arrived from Joplin yesterday after delivering a tow of Tennessee river tles. The Voight will leave in a few days for the Tennessee after another tow of tles.

The Bob Dudley will be due to-

with a tow of several flats of coal for the West Kentucky Coal company.

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The Jim Duffy, Blue Spot and the L. N. Hook should be in this week from the Tennessee with tles.

The Ohio at Evansville, not much change for 12 hours, then rise slowly at Mt. Vernon, not much change during the next 36 hours. At Paducah and Cairo will become stationary tonight, then fall.

The Wahash, at Mt. Carmel, very little change during the next 26 hours.

The Tennessee, from Florence to the mouth, and the Mississippi, from below St. Louis to Cairo, will continue falling during the next two days.

### Official Forecasts.

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### Estimates Wanted.

The city has instructed the board of education to take bids on buildings and closets with sewer connections at the Lee and Lincoln school buildings. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the clerk, C. G. Kelly, 321 Kentucky Avenue.

All bids must be in by noon Monday, December 21, 1908. Rights are reserved to reject any or all estimates.

BUILDING COMMITTEE:  
Karnes, Byrd and Kelly.

## RIVER NEWS

### River Stages.

Pittsburgh . . . . .	6.2	0.0	std
Cincinnati . . . . .	7.1	0.3	full
Louisville . . . . .	3.3	0.6	fall
Evaneville . . . . .	2.4	0.0	std
Mr. Vernon . . . . .	2.2	0.2	rise
Mr. Carmel . . . . .	1.5	0.0	std
Nashville . . . . .	10.2	0.1	fall
Chattanooga . . . . .	7.9	0.3	fall
Florence . . . . .	5.7	1.0	fall

The Bob Dudley will be due to-

The Harth is due from Caseyville



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# Buying Days Until Xmas

E.Guthrie Co.

With the Guthrie Store—the Real Live

E.Guthrie Co.

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING CENTER

STEAM is up—the track is clear. The Christmas train starts here tomorrow, full speed ahead. Between now and Christmas there are just eight more shopping days. They will be busy days. They will make tremendous demands on store service—the Guthrie store is prepared. Our selling force was never so large, complete or well trained. The stocks never so large, so perfect and so fine; the extra values and bargains we never so remarkable. Here's a page filled with good news—but it would take 50 pages like this to tell of all the good and beautiful things that await you here. The chances to make Christmas money go so far have never been as great. BEGIN NOW!

We will be open nights until Christmas. This is to accomodate those who are unable to get to our store during the day. We urge you to carry all small parcels, as the delivery wagons will have very large deliveries and may be late in getting to your address. We have extra salespeople and we are prepared to serve you promptly and satisfactorily.

### GIFT HOSIERY All Colors, in Silk or Lisle.



As a gift there is nothing that is more appreciated by a woman than silk or lisle hose—the kind that will match her costumes. We put them all in beautiful holiday boxes, making them even more attractive as a gift. Elegant quality Lisle Hose—the sheer dainty kind—in navy, green, yellow and white, at the pair . . . . . \$1.00  
Pure Silk Hose in all shades and colors—every thread silk and a Hose that will wear at . . . . . \$1.00  
Every shade and color in better grades of Silk Hose at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3 and \$7.50.  
Large line of Embroidered Hose at all prices which would make acceptable gifts.

### Novelties, the Beautiful

This is the store for the bright and happy new novelties, the new things originate here.

HAT PINS 25c to . . . . . \$2.00  
BACK COMBS 25c to . . . . . \$5.00  
DIRECTOR'S SASHES . . . . . \$1.50  
BELT PINS 25c to . . . . . \$2.50  
BELTS 25c to . . . . . \$1.50  
MARY GARDEN BARRETTES . . . . . 50c

By the way the Mary Garden Barrette is the very latest thing in the way of hair accessory. Call and see them at the notion counter.



There are hundreds of other new things that will interest you here at the notion counter. Come enter your Xmas shopping here.

### For the Christmas Bed

Unusual values in Bed Spreads will greet you here tomorrow. We have just received a large shipment, which included some entirely new things in this line. Here are offerings which should interest you:

50 Crochet Bed Spreads, the \$1.00 kind, Monday . . . . . 75c  
100 Crochet Bed Spreads, full large, 11x14, the regular \$1.25 kind, at . . . . . \$1.00  
11x14 Marseilles Quilts, regular \$4.00, in the Christmas sale . . . . . \$2.50  
11x14 Marseilles Quilts, the regular \$7.50 quality, special price . . . . . \$4.00  
The new scalloped and cut cornered Spreads, very new, just out this week, the \$3.00 kind, special introductory price . . . . . \$2.25

### Serviceable FURS

#### For Christmas

#### The Ideal Gift for the Girl of Woman

The appreciated gift of all gift is a set of furs or a fur coat. Every woman has to have a set of furs or a fur coat and they are her pride if they are handsome.

All kinds of Skins, Mink, Caracul, Beaver, Lynx, Pony, Near Seal, Astrakan.  
Scraps from . . . . . 98c to \$60.00  
Muffs from . . . . . \$1.25 to \$50.00  
Fur Coats as illustrated at . . . . . \$20.50, \$35, \$40 and up to \$75

### The Pictorial Review Magazine Free

With each \$5.00 cash purchase here this week we will give you the Pictorial Review Magazine for one year free. If you already are a subscriber, have it sent to some friend as a gift. Nothing would be more acceptable, as the Pictorial Review ranks as the foremost woman's magazine. Remember we have a limited number to give away and we would advise you to take advantage of this at once.

#### A Dress Pattern for \$1.50

120 Dress Patterns in handsome wool finished suitings—have just been opened for holiday presents. They are shown in dark, rich colorings, stripes, checks and fancies. The best values we have ever offered at the suit . . . . . \$1.50

#### 25c Silk Gingham 15c

100 pieces of beautiful new Silk Ginghams, most light colors, excellent for waist and children's dresses; the regular price of these goods have heretofore been 25c, special Christmas price . . . . . 15c



### Buy Gifts for Men Here

Our men's sections will be the busy spots of the store tomorrow. New things have just arrived—new things for Xmas presents—Neckwear, Hose, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers—all in beautiful holiday boxes.

Neckwear at 25c and 50c  
Mufflers 50c  
Hose 25c and 50c  
Suspenders, boxed, 25c to \$1.50  
Handkerchiefs 5c to 50c

You save half when you buy here. Our prices are in many instances less than half of the regular men's stores' prices. We buy in larger quantities—therefore we can get better prices.



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#### Large Huck Towels 95c the Dozen

There are just 21 dozen of these Huck Towels left. They are extra large size, good heavy quality, regularly 50c each, special price, the dozen . . . . . 95c

#### For Doll Dresses

We have 100 pieces of plain and fancy Organzines, which will make the most desirable material for dolls' dresses or other holiday work. These goods are carried over from last season and we have unpacked them and marked them at about one-half off. It will even pay you to buy these goods for next summer's wear.



Suits

*Rudy & Sons*  
219-223 BROADWAY

Suits



# Greatly Underpriced Sale of Fine Lot of Suits

WE PLACED ON SALE MONDAY the greatest values in Suits ever offered in Paducah. The telegram below explains itself. These Suits will be placed on sale at same reduced prices as bought. They are mostly greens and grays, hard finished, worsteds and broadcloths; all sizes. Now added to this we place our entire remaining stock of suits on sale at advertised prices below. We have had a tremendous season in our suit department and now as the stock is broken in color and size, we inaugurate our General Clearance Sale, adding this large purchase of new Suits that have just arrived. You know without our saying the class of suits these are and that no fictitious prices were placed or added to them at the first of the season. They were then marked at legitimate prices. Now it is your time to buy at cost and less. Come down early, for we expect our entire suit stock to go in short order at these attractive prices. Don't put off; the very suit you want may be the first to go; then, too, remember, the sizes are broken, although you will find all sizes included in this sale, 16 to 42 sizes, yet we haven't all sizes in any one suit, one or two of a suit only.

Sample Suits  
Third to Half  
Reduction

Sample Suits  
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## CIGARETTE EVIL TELLS A SAD AND PATHETIC STORY

One of the greatest menaces to our moral and intellectual well-being today is the fact that cigarette-smoking is becoming a popular fad among boys and young men, while the use of strong pipe is a close second in favor. Go where you will in this broad land of ours, and the pale faces, blear eyes, trembling fingers, and the foul stench of cigarette fumes tell the same pathetic story. This most serious blight upon the bloom and beauty of our American boyhood is chargeable to parental ignorance and carelessness. For the past eight years I have been tracing out the cigarette boy's biography, and I have found that in practically all cases the lad began his smoking habit clandestinely, at an early age, and with little or no thought of its seriousness, while the fond parents perhaps believe that their boy was too good to engage in such a practice.

### Many Good Men Smoke.

It is not the purpose of this paper to make an attack upon smoking in general. A majority of the best and ablest men of the country are smokers, and they unquestionably

get a great deal of satisfaction out of their cigars and pipes. After a man has fully acquired the habit, smoking tends to drive away depression and to make him better satisfied with his lot and a more agreeable companion of men and women. By this I do not mean that the smoker has these advantages over the non-smoker, but rather that the former, through the indulgence of his habit, gets these results over and above what he has when he goes without his usual cigar. Out of one hundred such men whom I interviewed, ninety-nine frankly admitted that smoking tends to injure the health, and that they would not advise any young man to begin the habit. This practice is very offensive to many delicate natures, is somewhat filthy at its best, and disgustingly filthy at its worst, as the ordinary smoking-car will bear witness. Often, in public places, even refined women are forced to breathe the sickening fumes coming direct from the nostrils of some coarse, brutal cigarette smoker. Smoking is a practice entirely unnecessary to the development and refinement of the race, and it will in time doubtless go the way of the liquor-drinking habit.

Most Hurtful in Case of Boys. But the serious nature, and even the cruelty, of this smoking habit among men is at once apparent when we consider its influence and effects upon boys. I have tabulated reports of the condition of nearly 2,500 cigarette-smoking school boys, and in describing them physically

my informants have repeatedly referred to the use of such epithets as "sallow," "sore-eyed," "puny," "squeaky-voiced," "sickly," "short-winded" and "extremely nervous."

In my tabulated reports it is shown that, out of a group of 25 cases of young college students, smokers, whose average age of beginning was 12, according to their own admissions, they had suffered as follows:

Sore throat, four; weak eyes, ten; pain in chest, eight; "short-wind," twenty-one; stomach trouble, ten; pain in heart, nine. Ten of them appeared to be very sickly. The younger the boy the worse the smoking hurts him in every way, for these lads almost invariably inhale the fumes; and that is the most injurious part of the practice. According to Dr. Sims Woodhead, professor of pathology in Cambridge university, cigarette-smoking in the case of boys partly paralyzes the nerve cells at the base of the brain and thus interferes with the breathing and the heart action.

The injurious effects of smoking upon the boy's mental activities are very marked. Of the many hundreds of tabulated cases in my possession, several of the very youthful ones have been reduced almost to

insanity and threatened to inflict punishment, but indicate rather that you think him too worthy to take up such a practice. (2) Offer to set aside some material or pecuniary reward to be paid when he becomes of age, provided he continues his total abstinence, and add to this the pleasure. Never ask boy to pledge away in advance the years of his manhood. (3) Remind the boy in every possible way how much concern you have for him.—Prof. W. A. McKeever, professor of philosophy in the Kansas State Agricultural college, in Southern School Journal.

is a carminative composed of essential oils which soothe and at the same time increase the activity of the gastric circulation. Coffee, although sometimes acting unfavorably by delaying digestion, is an antidote to alcohol and serves to keep the mental faculties clear. Finally, tobacco is held by many authorities to increase the secretions of the alimentary canal and to favor the functions of the kidneys.—New York World.

C. B. Brewster, acting for the State Revenue Agent Arthur E. Hopkins, filed suit against the Lexington Interurban Railway company for \$105,000 alleged to be due for franchise taxes upon \$2,500,000 for the years 1906-7-8. The defendant is a New Jersey corporation, and has an income of \$2,000,000 in stocks and \$1,000,000 in bonds.

The Evening Sun—10¢ a week.

## A Very Wrong Idea A Young Man Had It.

A well known young man said the other day: "I would like to start a bank account if I could ever save up enough money to do so." That is the idea a great many people have, that they must have \$40 to \$80 to start. That is wrong, very wrong. The way to start a bank account is to bring a few dollars to us each salary day and place it in our Savings Department, where it draws 4 per cent interest and you will be surprised how fast it will grow.



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## WATER VAPOR FOUND ON MARS

Prof. Percival Lowell Has  
Photograph of Spectrum.

Atmosphere on This Planet Gives  
Further Credence to Theory  
That It Is Inhabited.

PRESENT AND MEASURABLE.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—Prof. Percival Lowell makes an exceedingly important and interesting statement with reference to the presence of water vapor on Mars. His assistants have been able to determine that it is there present and measurable. Precisely what the measure means has not been determined, but it is an amount that betrays itself in the lines of the spectrum. Lines that show that the atmosphere of Mars affects the spectrum in the same way, though only one-fifth as much, as does the earth's envelope, therefore there is a strong possibility that Mars may be inhabited.

It will be remembered that there has been much controversy with reference to the atmosphere of Mars and its qualities. Those who disbelieve in any life in our neighbor in space have known that their point would be proved could the absence of air atmosphere be shown; while on the other hand, Prof. Lowell and his staff have been quietly at work seeking what evidence there might be in favor of an atmosphere. Of course, no one tries to establish for the Martians an ether nearly so dense as that which we now breathe. If the most gullible of those who argue that Mars is inhabited realize it, the smaller body would be in the beginning provided with less atmospheric making elements and the smaller quantity of air would spread over a surface relative larger. So it is conceded at the outset that the atmosphere on Mars must be tenuous.

**Spectrum Photographed.**  
At the last opposition, about a year ago, Dr. V. N. Slipher, an assistant at Lowell observatory at Flagstaff, set himself to taking photographs of the moon on the same plates. These comparison photographs showed the spectrum of Mars between two from the moon. Five such plates were secured. The telescope was the great twenty-four-inch Clark refractor of the observatory, to which was fitted a spectroscope peculiarly sensitive to the red end of the band. The plates were prepared according to a method developed by Dr. Slipher and were bathed in special solutions so that the red end of the spectrum, where the water vapor lines are, was particularly cared for.

The result of this careful work was a number of photographic plates on which to an unusual extent the red end of the spectrum was visible. So much extended was it that certain lines, notably A. and O., not usually to be found in photographs, were in a place convenient for observations. It was evident at the time by a comparison of the moon and Mars on the plates the greater strength of the A. line was shown in the Martian spectra. This meant water vapor, and an announcement was made at the time of the fact, but it has required much careful study to determine in any quantitative way what the lines mean. This has just been done for Prof. Lowell by Prof. Frank Avery.

**A Little Mistake.**  
Lady (on the Metropolitan Railway, London): "Please sir, will you help me to get out at the next station?"

Gentleman: "Why, certainly ma'am." Lady: "You see, sir, it's this way. Being rather stout, I have to turn around and get out backward, and the porters always think I am getting in, so they push me back into the carriage and say, 'hurry up, ma'am.' I've passed four stations that way already."—Success.

An important transaction was made at Harrodsburg when John B. Thompson sold his entire holdings of whiskey stored in the warehouses of the Old Jordan Distillery, in Harrodsburg, to A. H. Blake, of Cincinnati. The consideration was not made public, but it is known to pass the half million mark.

**SCIENCE SETTLES IT.**

Dandruff Is Caused by a Germ That  
Saps the Hair's Vitality.

It is now a settled fact that dandruff is caused by a germ. Falling hair and baldness are the result of dandruff. Dr. E. J. Beardsley, of Champaign, Ill., got hold of the new hair preparation, Newhro's Herpicide—the only one that kills the dandruff germ. He says: "I need Herpicide for my dandruff and falling hair, and I am well satisfied with the result." Dr. J. T. Fugate, of Urbana, Ill., says: "I have used Herpicide for dandruff with excellent results. I shall prescribe it in my practice." Herpicide kills the dandruff germ. Physicians as well as the general public say so. Sold by leading druggists. Two sizes, 50c. and \$1.00. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. R. W. Walker Co., Special Agents.

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When W. Theodore Wittman was a mere boy he had a fad—chickens. Today he is one of the five greatest living experts on fowl in the United States, and his sole occupation is to travel from place to place acting as judge at poultry exhibitions.

He has demonstrated what patience, study and scientific methods can accomplish. For instance, quite a number of years ago he purchased from Dr. Crocker, of Massachusetts, who had originated the breed, all of his silver-pencilled Plymouth Rock chickens. The latter, while of a very handsome type, were nothing extraordinary in that particular line of type. Whea Mr. Wittman secured the flock, however, he immediately began to study and experiment how to improve the breed. Gradually, by careful breeding and crossing, proper mating to eliminate all that was poor and detrimental, and to improve and develop their strong points, he succeeded so well that the greatest part of his flock became prize winners in all of the leading poultry exhibits in the country, and one of his pullets drew first prize at the World's Fair in Chicago. This pullet is still living, and is now the property of L. A. McAlpin, the tobaccoist, to whom Mr. Wittman later sold his entire pen. If half the attention were paid to the proper development of the human race that is paid to that of poultry, the term "mollycoddle" would never have been coined.

Mr. Wittman's favorite fowl is the brown Leghorn, and it is with this particular breed that he has had his greatest success, and which made him famous all over the United States among lovers of fine poultry. As in the case with the silver-pencilled Plymouth Rock, this expert got together a pen of brown Leghorns of a good breed and, then, by scientific breeding, careful sorting of eggs and a constant elimination of poor specimens, he produced a breed and strain of Leghorns the wonder and admiration of all beholders and first-prize winners wherever exhibited.

"I applied for information to a gentleman well known in the show world and who acts as a kind of agent to the people owning shows, supplying them with the necessary goods, human and otherwise. This gentleman appeared surprised at my question.

"'Bearded ladies!' he exclaimed. "I can find as many as I like. You have no idea how many women, if they liked, could rival men in regards whiskers and mustaches. But they are not anxious to enter into that kind of competition."

In accord with the eternal fitness of things, people who keep harping on disagreeable things should be strung up.—Chicago News.

**Eagle's Enormous Strength.**  
Once when an eagle, shot through the body with a rifle ball, lay on his back I suspended a long road skid and dropped it on him. Before it reached him he stretched up and caught it on his claws and held it up the length of his legs above him. I walked up on the skid and stood above him, and he easily held me and the skid, which I should judge would weigh more than 20 pounds. I took pains to weigh the same day and weighed 119 pounds. Put a stick in one claw of a wounded eagle and let him grasp a small tree with the other, and a man must be stronger than I ever was to take the stick from him.—Forest and Stream.

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sixth generation are always to be found among the prize winners in the fairs and poultry exhibitions throughout the country. When seven years of age she and a pen of other highly bred brown Leghorns were poisoned by some black-hearted scoundrel. Although Mr. Wittman had some of the ablest Pinkerton detectives on the job, he never was able to uncover the slightest clew to the perpetrators of so foul a deed. (Allentown (Pa.) Cor. Philadelphia Record.)

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### THE CHRYSANTHEMUM.

A Century Ago It Was Taken to Europe From Japan.

It is just 100 years ago that a French sailor living near Marseilles went up to Paris by diligence, guarding with the utmost care two precious little flower pots in which he had specimens of a strange plant. His name was Pierre Blanchard, and on his arrival in Paris, in November, 1808, he obtained an interview with the Empress Josephine, who was de-

voted to flowers, among other things. Blanchard had frequently sailed to China and Japan, and there had been struck by the beauty of the flower which was held in such high esteem in the far east. He had the greatest difficulty in getting his specimens out of Japan and in bringing them home safely in the slow sailing vessels of those days; but he succeeded, and managed to grow the plant in his garden at Aubagne, a suburb of Marseilles. The chrysanthemum has now spread over most of Europe, and is held in almost as great esteem as it is in the far east, where it was known certainly as long ago as the ninth century before the Christian era. In Europe there are many societies which are devoted to the culture of the chrysanthemum; but probably the growers will never attain the splendid colors which distinguish the flower in China and Japan, and here in England the gardeners would hardly know what to do without it nowadays.—London Globe.

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## THE MOON AND THE STAR.

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2. Said the moon, "My dear lit - tle plan - et,  
chart. And if gaz - ing thro' the win - dow.  
burn. But if you re - main - er - y pa - tent.  
there, Far I thought I heard them talk - ing,  
best. Oh the moon spoke first, And I heard it off.  
For I'm grow - ing old. And I'm get - ting cold. And I  
feel - ill. the star made re -

ply. Now the' It seems ab - surd.  
rest." Now that is what I heard,  
As I list - ened to ev - ery word.... Said the  
REFRAIN.  
Moon to the star, "How small you are, Yet you shine all night with a  
ten - der light, what a brave lit - tle mite you are." Said the star to the  
moon, "I could grow, ver - y soon But then you see the  
don't know why, there can't be two moons in the sky.... sky."  
a tempo.  
D.S.

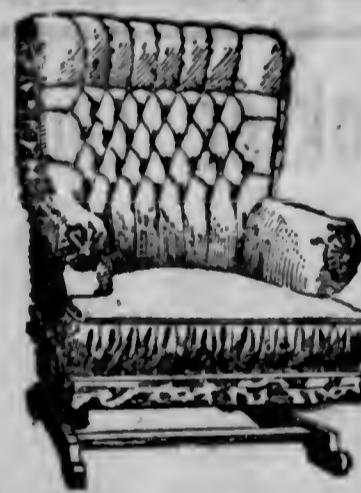


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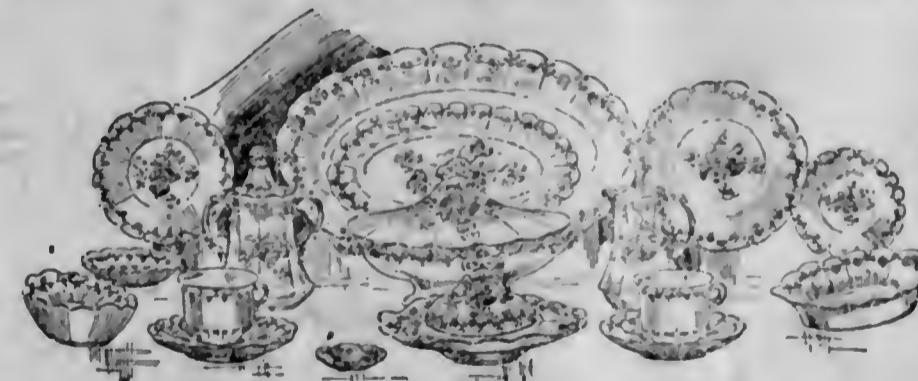
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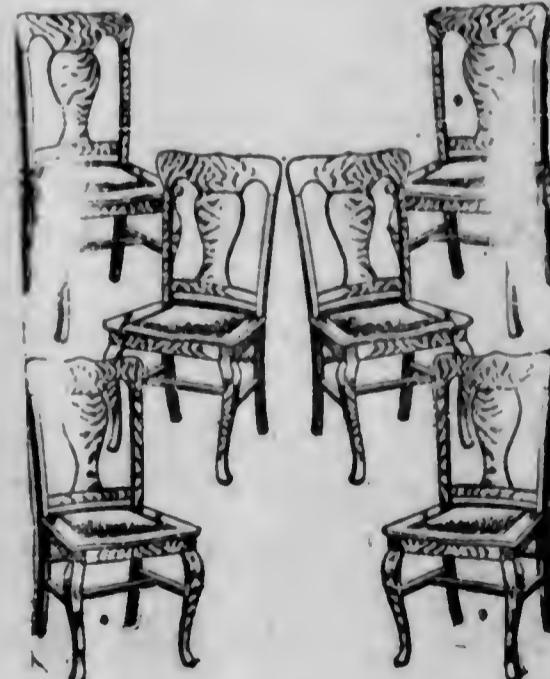
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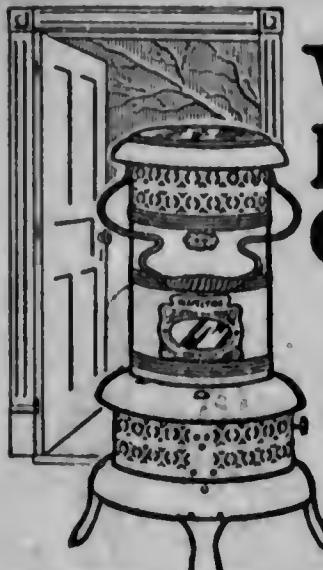
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By commendable persistence and many repetitions of his instructions he finally succeeded in reaching Mr. Morgan, who was in session with several other gentlemen in his private office.

"Ah wants to see Mr. Morgan ob J. Pierpon' Mawgan an' Compny," he doggedly insisted.

Mr. Morgan arose. "Well, I'm Mr. Morgan," he said. "Who are you?"

"Who er me?" stammered the porter. "Why, Ise de conn ob Kuhn, Loeh an' Umpin, an' jesh'a de papers Al done brung yo!" Every-body Magazine.

He is a foe to truth who would try to defend it with error.

#### Another Wreck.

A Chicago man who once permitted himself to be persuaded to back in a theatrical company was seated in his office one day when he received a telegram from the manager of the show. The troupe was somewhere in Missouri, and the telegram read thus:

"Train wrecked this morning and all scenery and baggage destroyed. No member of company injured. What shall I do?"

The answer sent back by the Chicago man was as follows:

"Try another week and have the company ride in the baggage car." Chicago Record-Herald.

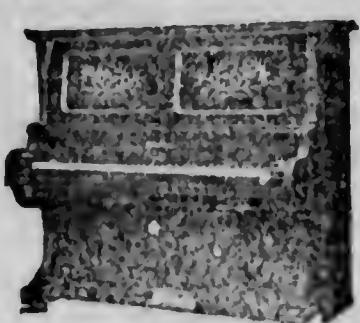
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#### AN INCREASE IN CIRCULATION

Washington, Dec. 15.—The annual report of Mr. Cortelyou, the secretary of the treasury, shows a reversal of conditions for the fiscal year 1908, as compared with the fiscal year for 1907. For the latter year the receipts were \$84,236,586 in excess of the disbursements. For the fiscal year of 1908 the disbursements were \$58,070,201 in excess of the receipts, due to business depression and increased appropriations. Fortunately the report says the available cash balance at the beginning of the fiscal year was \$272,061,445.

The treasury was called upon in the latter part of October, 1907, to render assistance in a financial panic which started in New York city and which gradually extended over the entire country. Through treasury operations during this financial disturbance the amount of public deposits with the banks reached \$236,321 on November 30, 1907, and on December 27, 1907, the maximum of \$259,994,271 was attained, after which it was decreased to \$236,920,154 by the close of the month.

**Further Withdrawals.**

Further withdrawals decreased this amount to \$118,379,726, on November 18, 1908. At the beginning of the present fiscal year there was a freer circulation of money and large amounts were returned to the financial centers, and some of the depots voluntarily returned to the treasury a part of their holdings of public deposits, amounting in all to approximately \$4,000,000. A further withdrawal of public money from depository banks in New York City, made in January, amounted to \$8,000,000, making the balance in the banks to the credit of the general fund at the end of January, \$226,241,418.

Further voluntary surrender of deposits were made during February, and on June 30 the general fund had been reduced to \$149,000,000.

The aggregate of trust funds, consisting of gold coin and standard silver dollars held for the redemption of certificates and notes for which they were respectively pledged, increased \$129,000,000 during the year.

The monetary stock for the year increased to \$263,203,000. At the close of the fiscal year 1908 the money in circulation amounted to \$1,058,015,488, or per capita of \$14.72. The percentage of gold to circulation was 45.95. There was an increase of \$94,545,227 in the volume of national bank notes during the fiscal year closed July 1, last.

#### New National Banks.

The report shows that from the date of the passing of the national bank act, in 1863, to July 1, 1908, charters were granted to 9,174 national banking associations, and at the close of the last fiscal year there were in operation 6,827 associations, with an authorized capital of \$930,142,774. Banks to the number of 1,878 have been closed by the voluntary action of their stockholders, and 400 insolvent associations have been placed in charge of receivers.

The receipts from internal revenue taxes for the fiscal year 1908 were \$251,711,126, a net decrease from 1907 of \$17,955,646. The customs receipts for the same period amounting to \$286,113,130, a decrease for the year of about \$16,000,000.

Having his figures on the estimates of appropriations already submitted by the several executive departments, the secretary is of the opinion that the excess of expenditures over receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, may reach \$143,046,796.

Of recent currency legislation, the secretary says that the act passed at the last session of congress has served a useful purpose, and will be available until the recommendations of the monetary commission created by that congress can be considered and acted upon.

#### The Austrian Cabinet.

The expected has happened in the organization of a new Australian cabinet, with the former Home Minister, Baron von Biennert, at the head. The crisis came about in the usual way, through dissensions between Germans and Czechs, with boycotting, rioting and manslaughter at Prague, Reichenberg and elsewhere, throwing of inkpots in the Prague diet, resignation of the Czech ministers and threats to carry the gentle art of obstruction and inkpot throwing into the Reichstag. There is a little confidence that the new ministry will be able to preserve inter-racial peace, or that the distractions of the polyglot empire will be lessened by the forcible annexation of two more alien provinces.—New York Tribune.

The Minister—Then you don't think I practice what I preach, eh?

The Deacon—No, sir. I don't. You've been preachin' on the subject o' resignation fur twa years, an' ye hain't resigned yet.—Exchange.



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Although an Englishman by birth, he has twice served under the Stars and Stripes, once in the China expedition for the relief of Pekin, and again throughout the Philippine campaign. It was in the latter that he rendered his most distinguished service.

When Uncle Sam was making hurried preparations to rush 120,000 men into the Orient, Maj. Farrell was one of the first to volunteer his services to Gen. Anderson. Maj. Farrell was in the first detachment to leave and in a position of command. He was perhaps the most prominent figure in the capture of the island of Guam, was the first of the troops to set foot in the Philippines and was the only American soldier to cross the island of Luzon, although the hostile Filipino lines at the outbreak of hostilities.

The whole Filipino insurrection holds no more daring episode than that journey of 130 miles through a wild country infested with savage enemies, and no mission that was fraught with more important results. It was on Maj. Farrell's report after his Luzon trip that the plan of the successful campaign was based. But "fighting savages," he says, "is an everyday sort of business."

Maj. Farrell is the son of Gen. Farrell, a hotel Irish officer in the British Indian service, and was born in Calcutta 44 years ago. Owing to his remarkable physical development, he was admitted to Woolwich at an earlier age than most boys and before he was 20, was commissioned a subaltern and saw his first service in India during the Afridi war. He returned to England a veteran when most lads of his age were still at school, and at the outbreak of the Zulu war he was again at the front. In this campaign he was seriously wounded. Near him the French prince imperial was killed. At the close of the Zulu war he was sent to the Soudan and served in the Gordon relief expedition.

Back on horseback, in one of the skirmishes with the dervishes of the madhi, he received another almost fatal wound. He and his command charged three times into the thick of the madhi's men. He was 18 months in the hospital after that. After that he visited South Africa and India again, and a few weeks later Maasai. At the outbreak of the Tonquin war between China and Japan he offered his services to the Chinese government. He was given command of a regiment and fought Tonquin war between China and Japan with the language of his men. He was forced to invent a system of whistling signals in order to give commands when his men went into action.

At the close of the war he drifted to Australia and became a member of the governor's staff in Queensland as inspector of mounter police. Hearing of a possible mixup between the republics of Guatemala and San Salvador, he came to America, hit remained in San Francisco until the Cuban revolution. He joined the army of Gen. Balaguer in the conflict of 1891 and after his commander's defeat, found himself a prisoner for two months. Only the fact that he was a British subject prevented his being executed.

There are two episodes of his life of which little is known. One is that of his supposed connection with the expedition to carry arms to Chile, which was nipped by the capture of the schooner Robert and Minnie by the United States government. The second was a mysterious mission from which he returned with a serious wound, which confined him to the hospital for several months.

Maj. Farrell is an ideal soldier in appearance. He stands over six feet tall, without an ounce of overweight, and is erect and lithe in carriage. Ten years ago he married an American girl after a steamer courtship, voyaging from Honolulu, and is the father of five children. His boys are all trained athletes, horsemen and marksmen. His two youngest astonished the keeper of a shooting gallery recently by making five bullseyes each in rapid succession.



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The facts are, Secretary Metcalf says, that the ships maintained schedule time, and have practically taken care of their own repairs on this cruise. The repairs lists sent in at the naval station, Cavite P. I., have just been received, and are significant. They show that after the voyage to the distant borders of the Pacific, the needed repairs are negligible. The performance of the Oregon in 1898 has, it seems, been substantially repeated.

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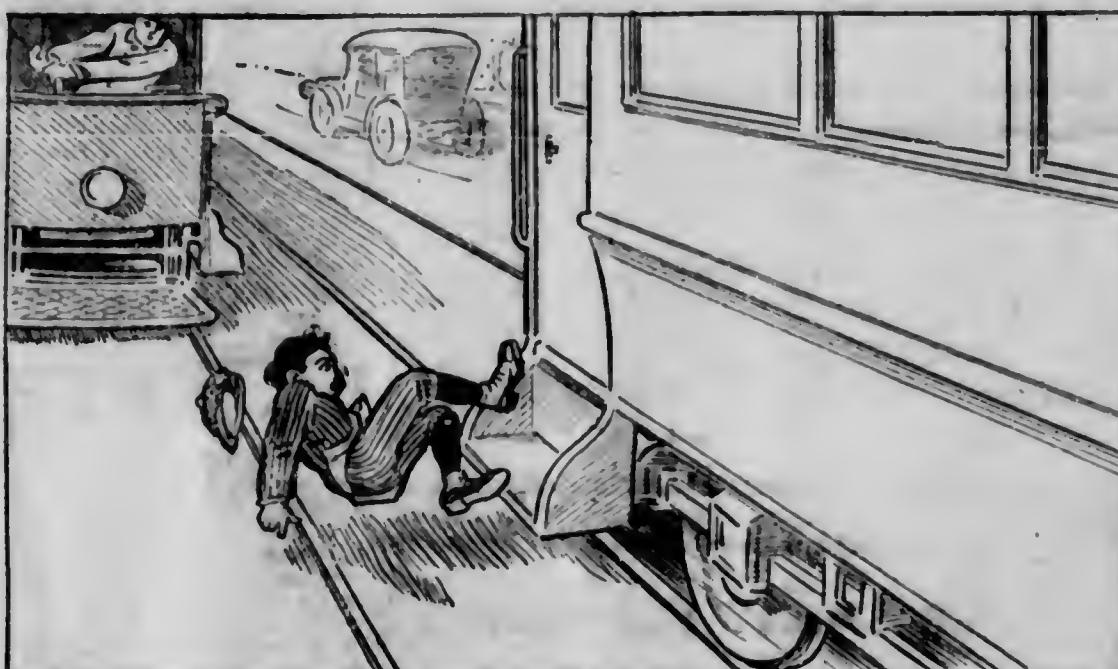
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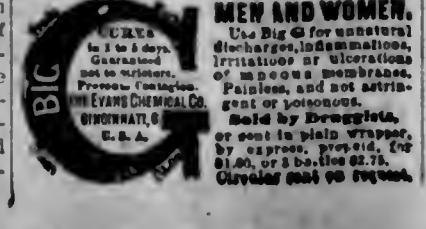
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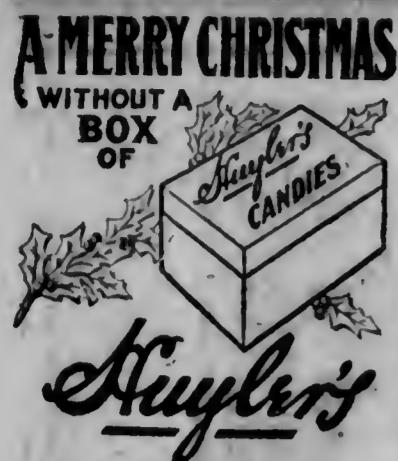
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## The Emancipation Of the Chaperons.

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**H**ULL! Merrilwether stretched his legs out luxuriously in front of the grate and pulled at his pipe. "A Christmas house party at The Pines?" Then after a pause, "Who are invited?"

His nephew leaned against the mantelpiece and stuffed his hands into his pockets as he enumerated the guests, the uncle keeping up a running and caustic comment:

"Engaged—going to be—introduced for matrimonial purposes—engaged—the same?" The numeration ceased. "Yes, I see myself helping to chaperon your house party. I stroll into the reception room and stumble over an engaged couple. I sneak into the library and am frowned out again by a newly introduced couple. I bring into the music room and overhear a proposal. No, thank you, Roy; I shall spend Christmas in peace and my own room!"

He picked up his hat and moved toward the door. "Modern house parties are not conducted along the lines you've laid down, uncle. Change your mind and judge for yourself." He turned the knob. "By the way, I didn't mention the other chaperon, did I? It's Mrs. Angell, Bertha's widowed aunt you know?" With this parting shot, which he knew was effective, Roy discreetly retreated.

After he had gone, Merrilwether sat an hour staring at the fire and railing away at a smokeless pipe. Then he arose and looked earnestly at himself in the mantel mirror. "We're apt to run down," he apostrophized his reflection; "apt to run to seed, we bachelors. Now, this tie—it's see, it's six months out of style, and Gertrude used to like him." He stepped to the phone and called up his tailor, realizing that his mind had already undergone the change Roy hoped for.

Ten days later he arrived at The Pines just in time to dress for dinner. He was accompanied by a man and a smart lot of luggage, accessories which made so marked a change in his appearance that when at 6 o'clock he descended to the lower hall Hertha Monroe, awaiting her aunt at the foot of the stairs, surveyed him in delighted amazement.

"Why, Uncle Bruce," she exclaimed, "you look so fine I scarcely know you!" Hertha was his nephew's fiancee and already claimed relationship in private to the uncle. "I'd make Roy wear evening clothes in the morning if he had such a splendid figure—so filled out, you know."

Merrilwether, following her into the living room, laughed grimly at the doubtful compliment. "Oh, he'll tip the scales at 220 soon enough, don't worry."

"You surely don't look that stout," began Bertha and, turning abruptly toward the entrance, finished with, "Does he, mumble?"

Gertrude Angell averted past her niece and met Merrilwether's outstretched hand cordially. "Look? Why, he looks surprisingly like the Bruce Merrilwether I used to know so well."

"Fifteen years ago" was on the end of Merrilwether's tongue, but he checked himself just in time. Gertrude probably ignored lapses in time as women have a habit of doing, he thought. But surely hers was a face, a form, a bearing, which had so successfully withstood time as to entitle her to the appellation of youth. Her brown hair had not lost its luster, nor had her blue eyes lost aught of their sparkling interest in life, while she carried herself with her old time spring and vivacity.

Merrilwether noted all these things as he sat opposite her at dinner. His memory flashed picture after picture before him—the primary days in their old home school, their grammar room betrothal, the warm friendship of later years, which had meant something more to him; then her marriage and life abroad. As he looked at her he had the uncomfortable feeling that, although her birth had antedated his by one year, she was many years his junior.

He was just characterizing himself as "old" when his nephew's voice awoke him and added point to his reflection. "Tomorrow morning we skate," announced Roy joyfully. "I've had the pond back here cleared for action, and the ice is O. K." Then he added carelessly, "By the way, Uncle Bruce, I forgot to tell you to bring skates along, but I can easily provide you with a pair."

Merrilwether quaked inwardly, but made no reply until after dinner, when he backed his nephew into a corner and addressed him privately and forcefully. "I've not been on skates for ten years, and I don't intend to make a spectacle of myself now by my means."

"Why, uncle—er—you know, that makes things rather awkward, for Mrs. Angell does all those things as well, and—er—we don't want her to feel bored here."

"Oh!" groaned Merrilwether. "In that case I'll try, but watch out for a repetition of a chapter in the 'Picklewick Papers,'" and he turned abruptly into the ballroom.

"Are you looking over the sofa of former triumphs?" asked a gay voice beside him. And Mrs. Angell moved across the room to straighten candle in one of the candelabra.

Merrilwether noted with admiration her free, light step. She was a superb specimen of womanhood, but he fervently wished she had appeared older. "Why is it," he asked impulsively, ig-

noring her question, "that women retain their youth so much longer than men?"

She paused with her hand on the candle and looked back. "I think," she replied thoughtfully, "it's because they insist on doing youthful things."

"There it is again!" he thought, with an internal groan. He would be obliged to skate and dance and do all the other uncomfortable things which forty years and 220 pounds shrivel into. Still he watched her move about the room the burden of it did not seem so onerous after all.

Therefore he danced not badly, but laboriously, all the while admiring the graceful ease of Gertrude Angell's motions.

"At least," he determined resolutely, "I'll not be caught skating, as I was dancing, without a bit of practice." It was 1 a. m. when he made this resolution and issued the command to his man, "Peter, get me up at 7—unless, in sudden inspiration, it should be storming."

Promptly at 7 he was awakened in a rebellious frame of mind. "Stiff as a cart horse," he grumbled. "I hope it's snowing like blazes."

The man raised the shade and looked out. "Sky clear as a whistle, sir."

So, with his sleep cut short two hours at both ends of the night, Merrilwether dragged himself and the pair of skates, produced by his thoughtful nephew, to the pond behind the hill. For an hour he skinned his knees, bumped his head and disturbed the equilibrium of his temper before he was able to move alone with moderate speed and keep his feet under him.

When he went to breakfast he was thankful for a few moments alone in front of a glowing grate fire. He stretched his aching legs toward the heat and rubbed the back of his head where a bump was appearing which is not laid down in phonological charts and palms from which were darting in every direction. He listened idly to voices in the hall until his attention was claimed by two comments made just outside the door.

"Isn't she a perfect delight of a chaperon? And so young too! She can't be thirty."

"Forty-one," muttered the listener.

"Forty-one," muttered the listener, glancing at the light of his new resolute shilling again in his eye.

At last the trees were decorated, and Roy called the party into the music room to practice Christmas anthems. Merrilwether saw his fellow workers safely into the music room; then he dragged himself upstairs for a solacing smoke, only to find his fire out and his chamber cheerless.

Shoving his aching feet into slippers, he got himself into a smoking jacket, lit his pipe and descended to the library. The library lay back of the living room, far from the music, and it contained an inviting couch, at which Merrilwether had looked longingly, but had not found time so far to occupy.

He pushed aside the curtains at the entrance with a broad sweep of his hand and stepped within. Then he stopped abruptly. The couch was occupied. "I beg your pardon, Gertrude. I thought you were singing."

"Singing?" she responded crossly, struggling into a sitting posture. "Why, I've not a shred of voice left to sing with!" She did not smile, but passed her hand across her eyes in a gesture which caused a great light to break in on Merrilwether.

"You're tired," he accused in a ringing voice of triumph.

She leaned back, resting her head against the wall. "Tired?" she repeated in an intense voice. "I'm half dead with the awful pace of these two days. If I were a big healthy man now," gazing resentfully at the proportions of the man before her, "I might be able to endure everything and yet feel fresh, but, being a woman and forty-one!"

"Gertrude," interrupted Merrilwether in a tone of solemn joy, "are you forty-one?"

"Of course I am," she responded almost irritably. "You know that I am."

"Yes," he replied vaguely, coming nearer, "but I didn't know that you knew it!"

"I have every reason to know it—the tears were near the surface now—when skating gives me the rheumatism, and dancing the headache, and that sleigh ride"—She spread her hands out in a gesture of despair. "I can't endure it any longer. I'm going home tomorrow on the 9:10 train and leave you to chaperon. Nothing seems to tire you."

The tears had reached her lashes, and she turned her head away.

Merrilwether sat down beside her uninvited. "Gertrude," he began in a voice which rang a satisfaction out of harmony with his announcement, "the exertion attendant on chaperoning this house party and keeping up with you has given me the rheumatism in every joint and muscle, and not only the headache—the effect has penetrated to my disposition, which is."

A door opened somewhere, and a burst of music interrupted him. "Peace on earth, good will to men."

The door closed, and silence reigned in the library. A realization of the spirit of the words came to Merrilwether. His light manner dropped from him. He leaned over and laid his hand on Gertrude's. "Let's be bold and peaceful together, dear. Don't go back tomorrow. Spend Christmas here—with me."

The firelight played softly over the woman's face. She glanced up with a smile which was tremulous in spite of her weeping words. "Now that I think of it, Bruce, I haven't bought my ticket yet, and—it is more comfortable to be old."

A light laugh put him to shame, and a pair of danceling blue eyes met his in a glance which stripped him of fifteen years and led him back to the days when he had walked beside her with never a thought of fatigue, "Tired?" she returned carelessly. "And how such a little trip as this?"

"Tilt reply, coupled with the day's unparalleled exertions, turned the tide of Merrilwether's resolutions. In his room before dinner he eased his aching bones in a moria chair and determined to return to the city early next morning. He would be old and sensible and comfortable once more. He would forget rheumatism as long as he could not keep up with her youthfulness.

But alas for his determination! He nearly forgot his bruises and sprains

that evening in the charm of Mrs. Angell's presence, and he noticed, too, with a pang of something very like jealousy, that Briggs, the youngest man in the party, occupied his spare moments looking in her direction.

"I'll see what the weather promises for tomorrow," was his irresolute command as he reached his room at midnight and noted that Peter had obediently packed his things ready for the 9:10 train. "It should storm, maybe"—was his last conscious thought, and then he drifted off into a land where Gertrude spent her Christmases with him beside a quiet hearthstone and clapped-toed house parties no more.

Next morning, when he awoke, the snow was driving against the window, while the wind whistled savagely through the trees. Merrilwether turned over with a deep grunt of satisfaction. There could be no sleighing, no skating, no tobogganning, such a day as this, and that night was Christmas eve and the Christmas tree. He had purchased an exquisite copy of "Maud" for Mrs. Angell. It was a poem they had once read together, and he wondered if his memory of the fact would touch her. With these thoughts he drifted back into sleep, and the morning train went thundering cityward without him.

But his triumph over the state of the weather was short lived. At the breakfast table his nephew enlivened his blood by the announcement of the plans for the Christmas trees, which yet stood in the forest a mile across lots. "Two of the men are sick this morning, fellows, so we'll have to fall in line and fetch the trees," Roy proclaimed, with a relish born of twenty-three years and warm blood.

The "fellows," including Merrilwether, worked in the storm until noon before the trees were properly cut, trimmed, cleaned and set up in the hall-room ready for the decorations and gifts. The ladies had the decorations in charge, but Merrilwether found there was no rest for the weary. He balanced himself perilously by the hour on the top of stepladders, which swayed and creaked ominously under his weight; he climbed stairs to fetch packages from the billiard room; he searched for lost hammers and knelt on mislaid tacks until he relegated Christmas and house parties to the lower regions.

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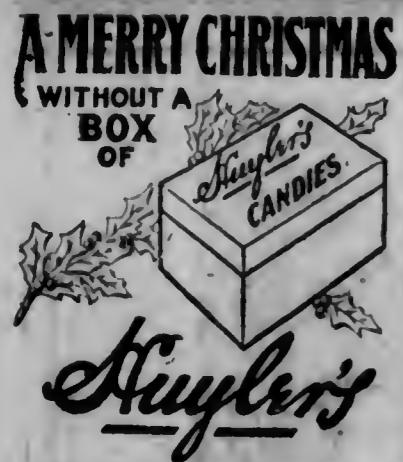
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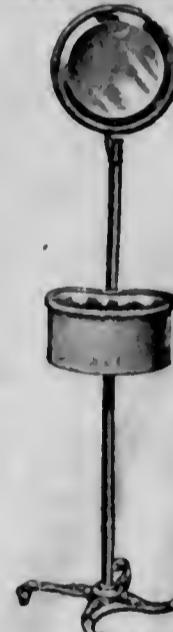
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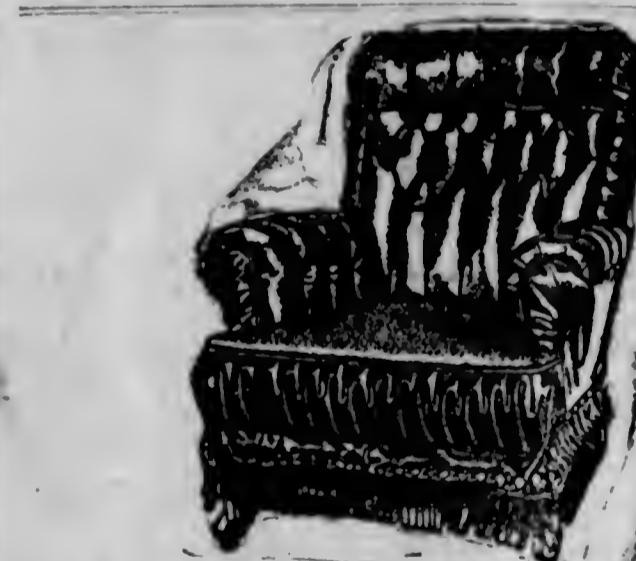


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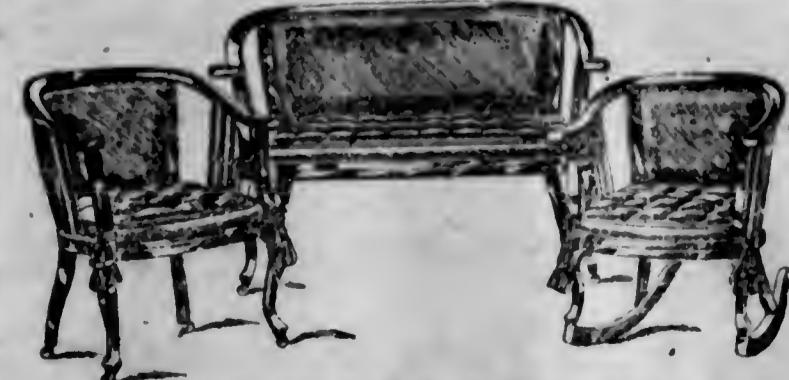
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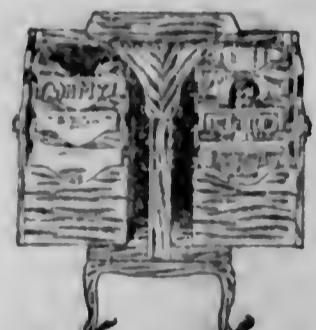
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